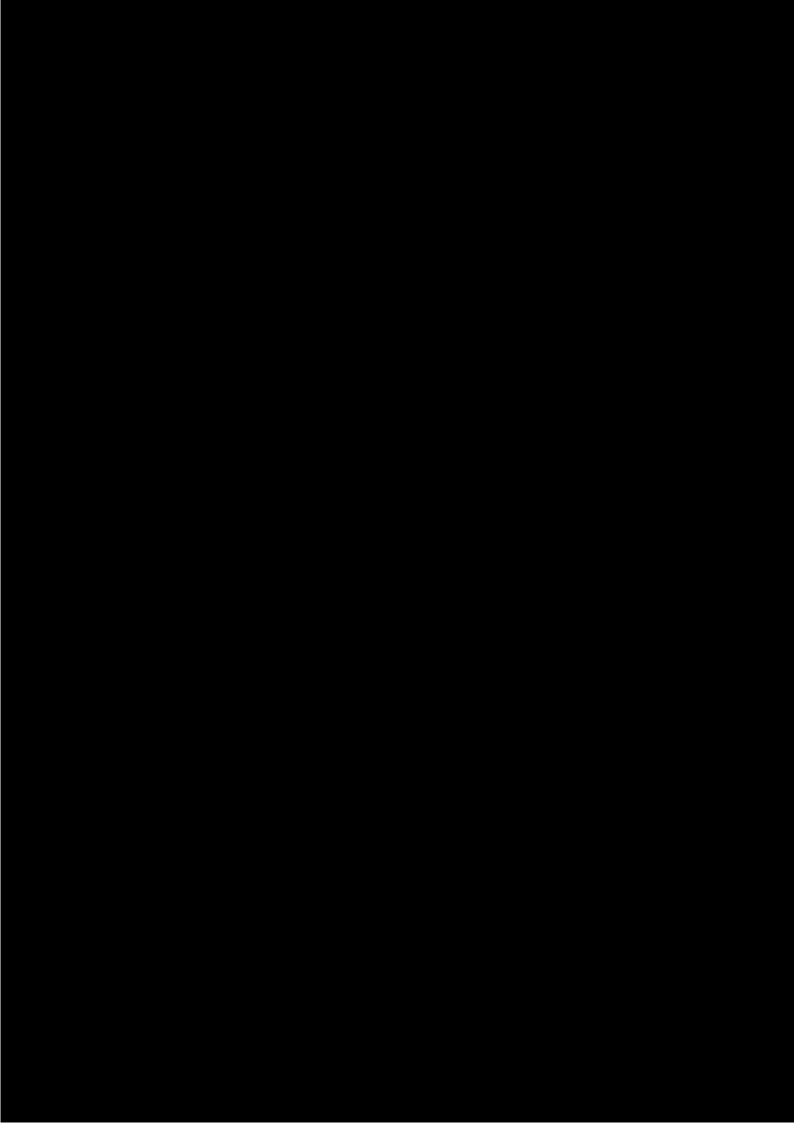
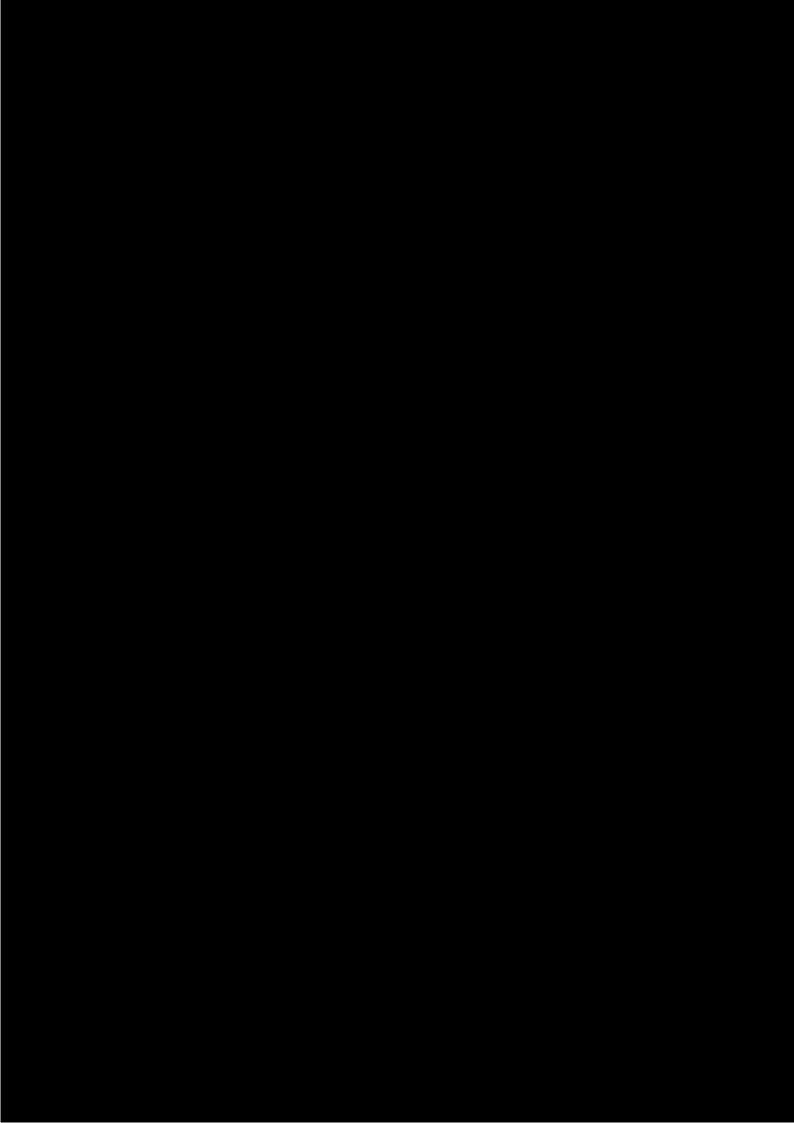
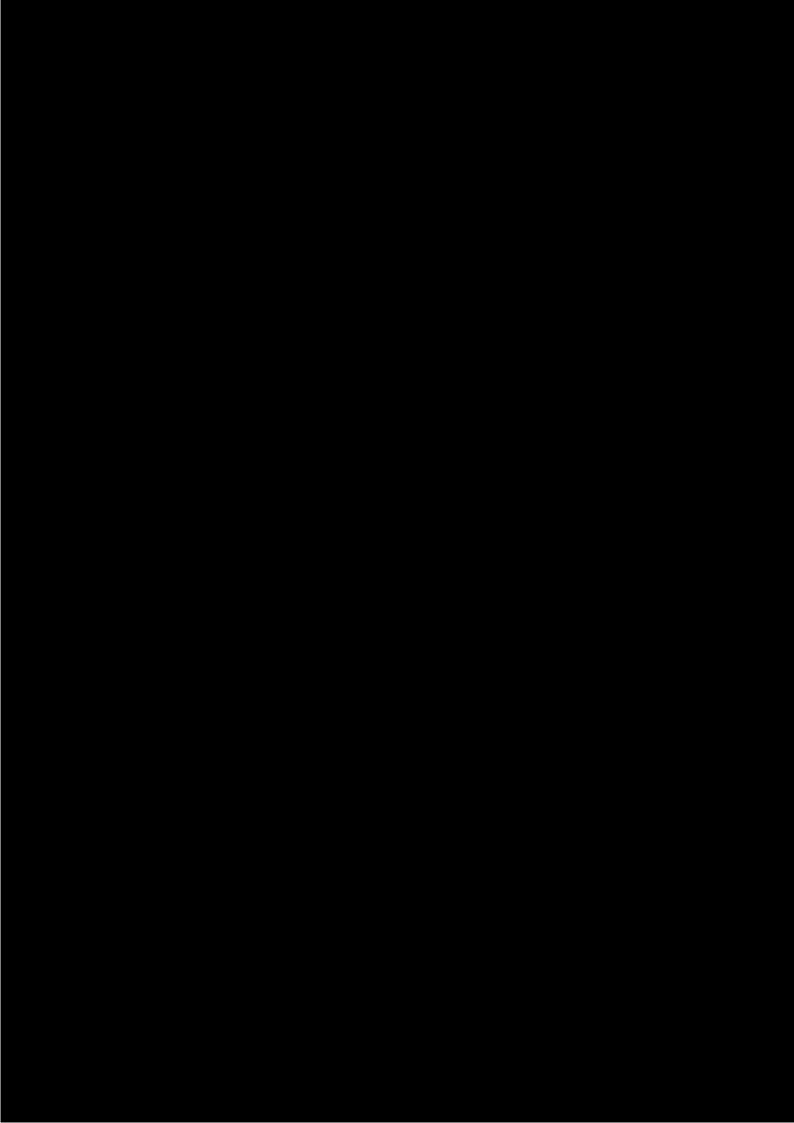
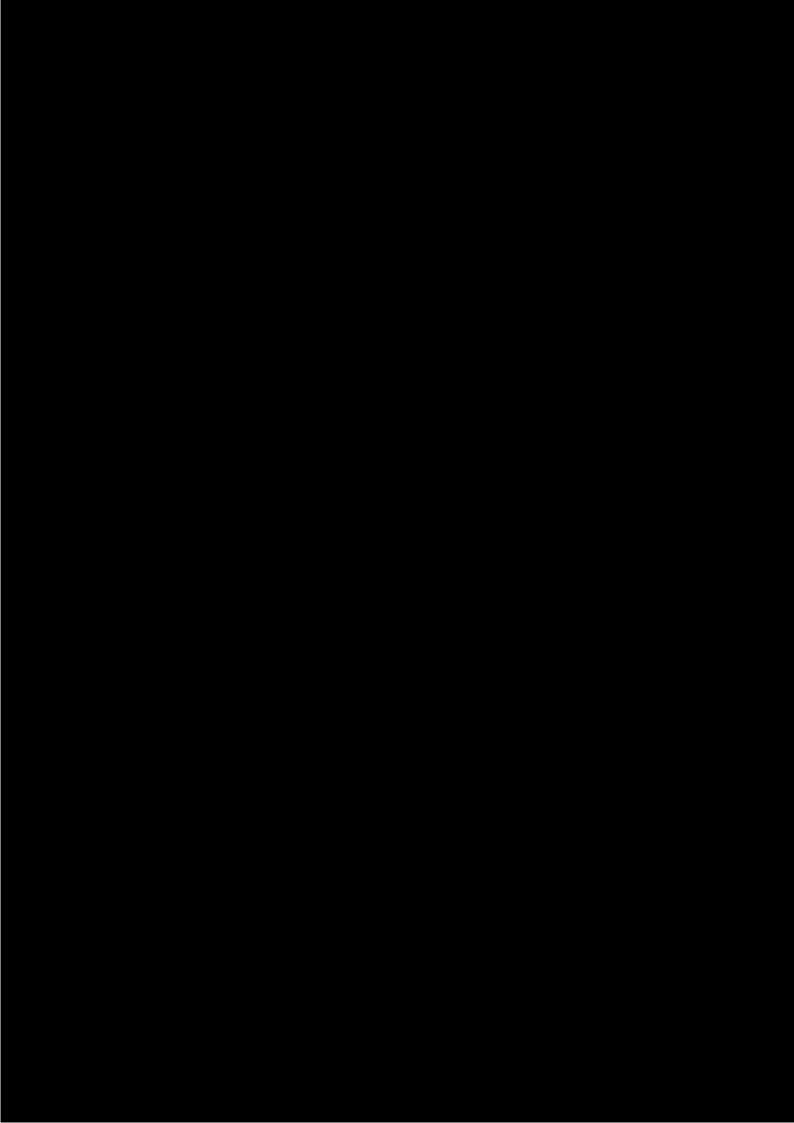
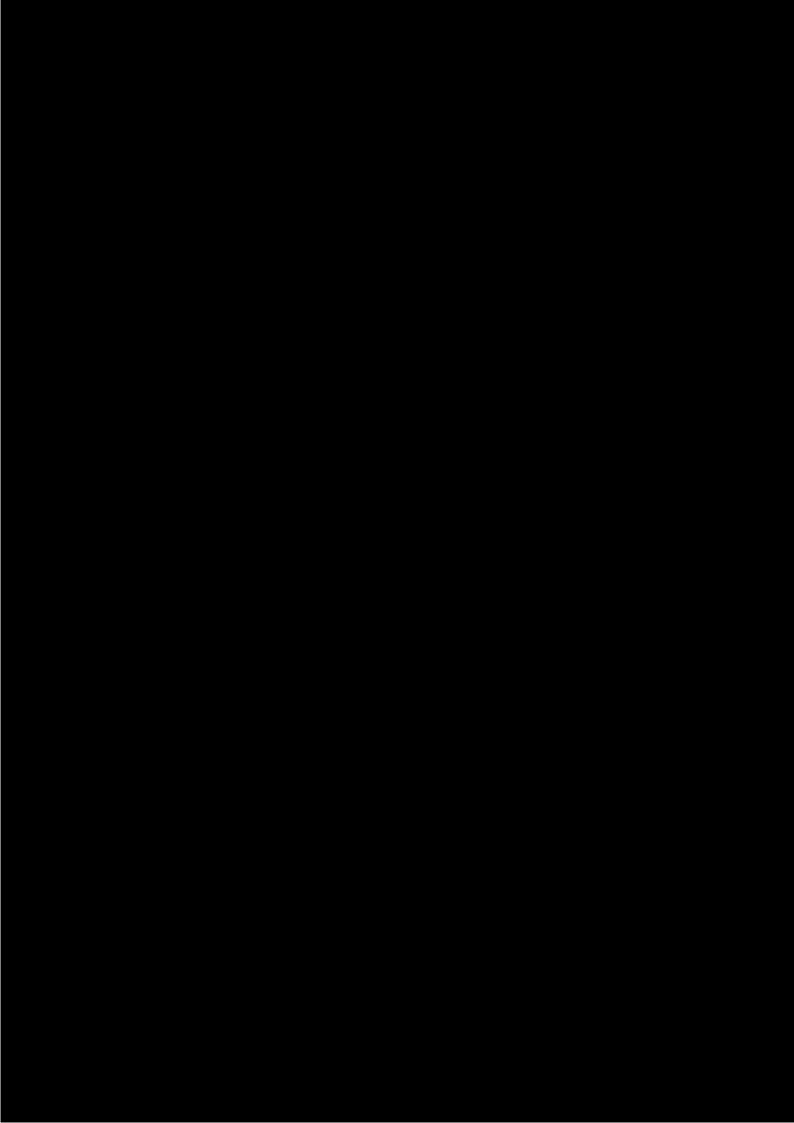
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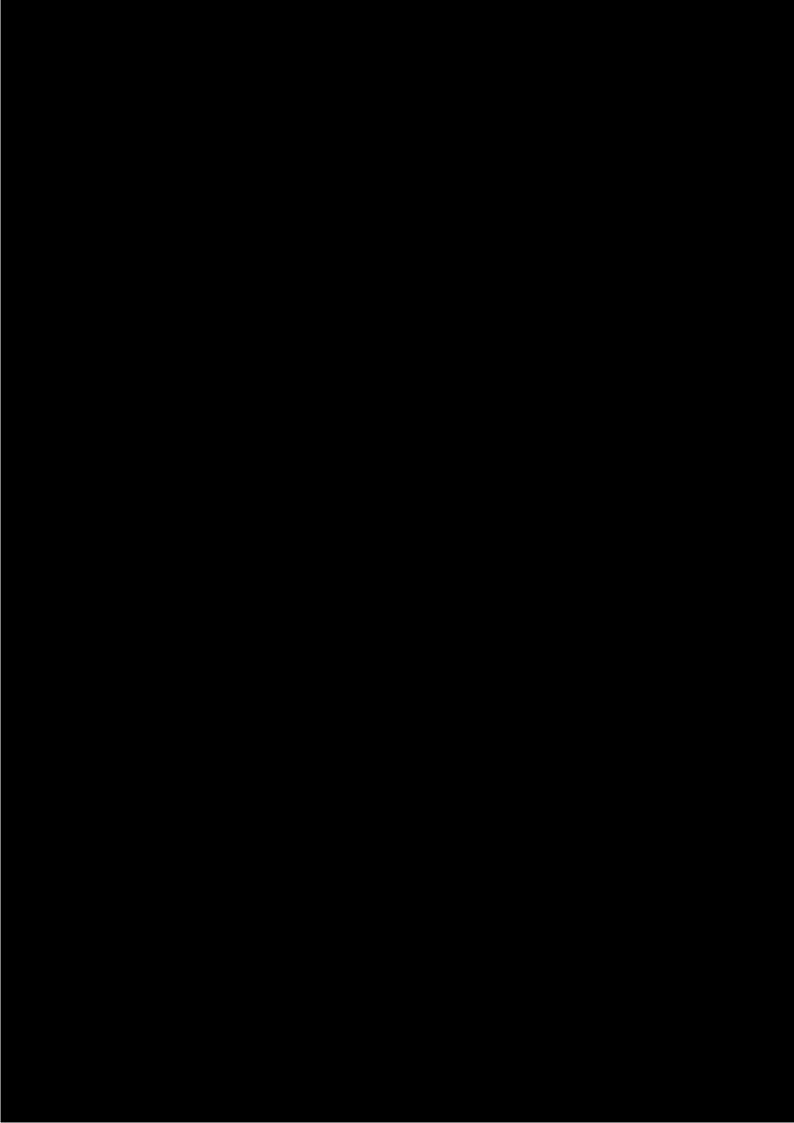


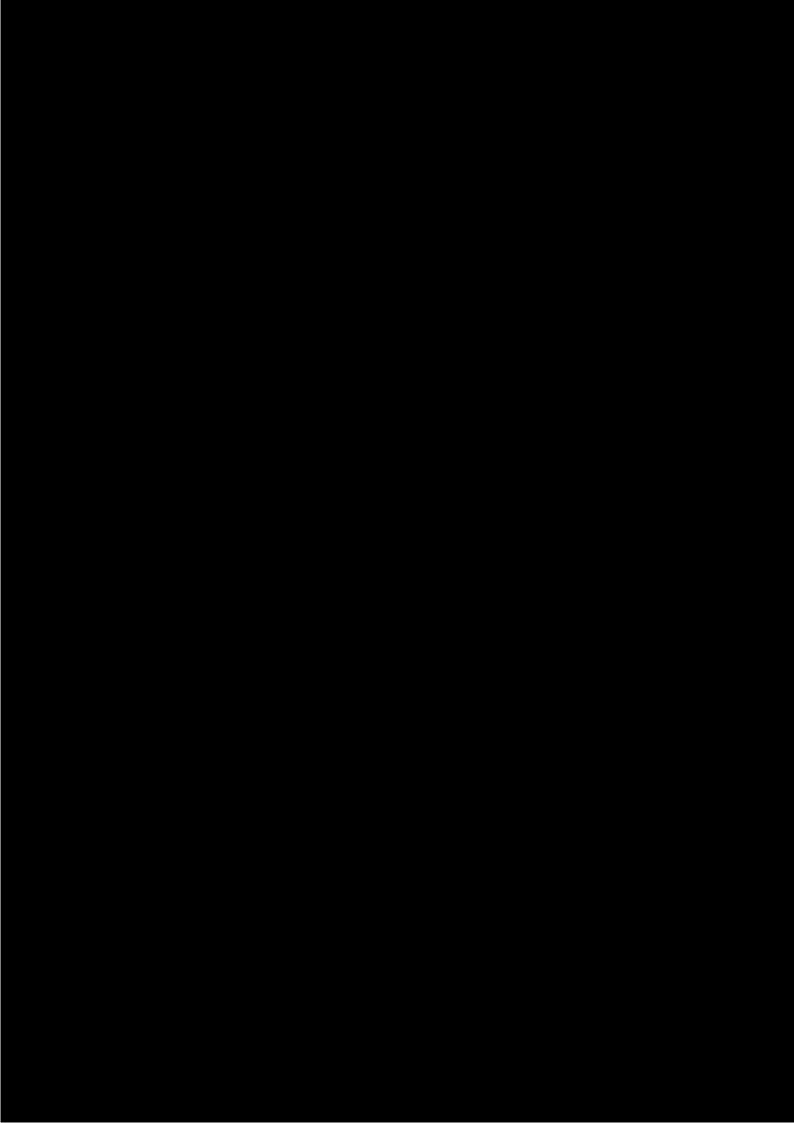


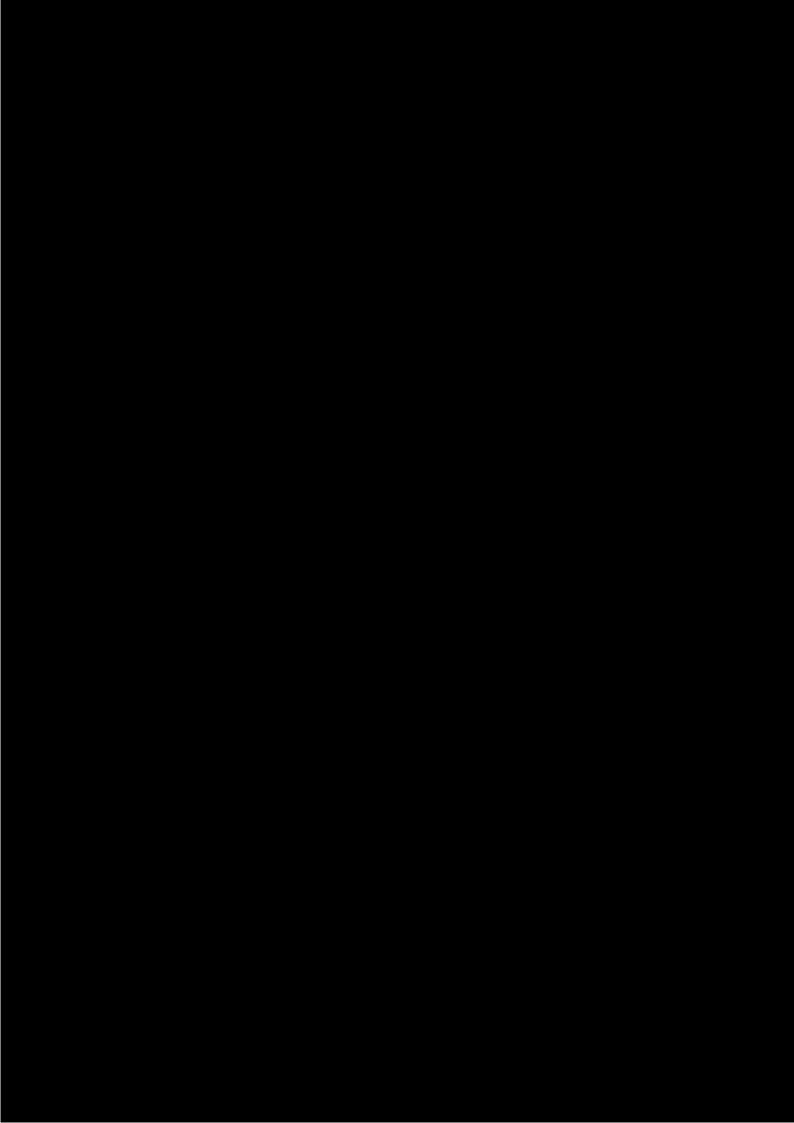


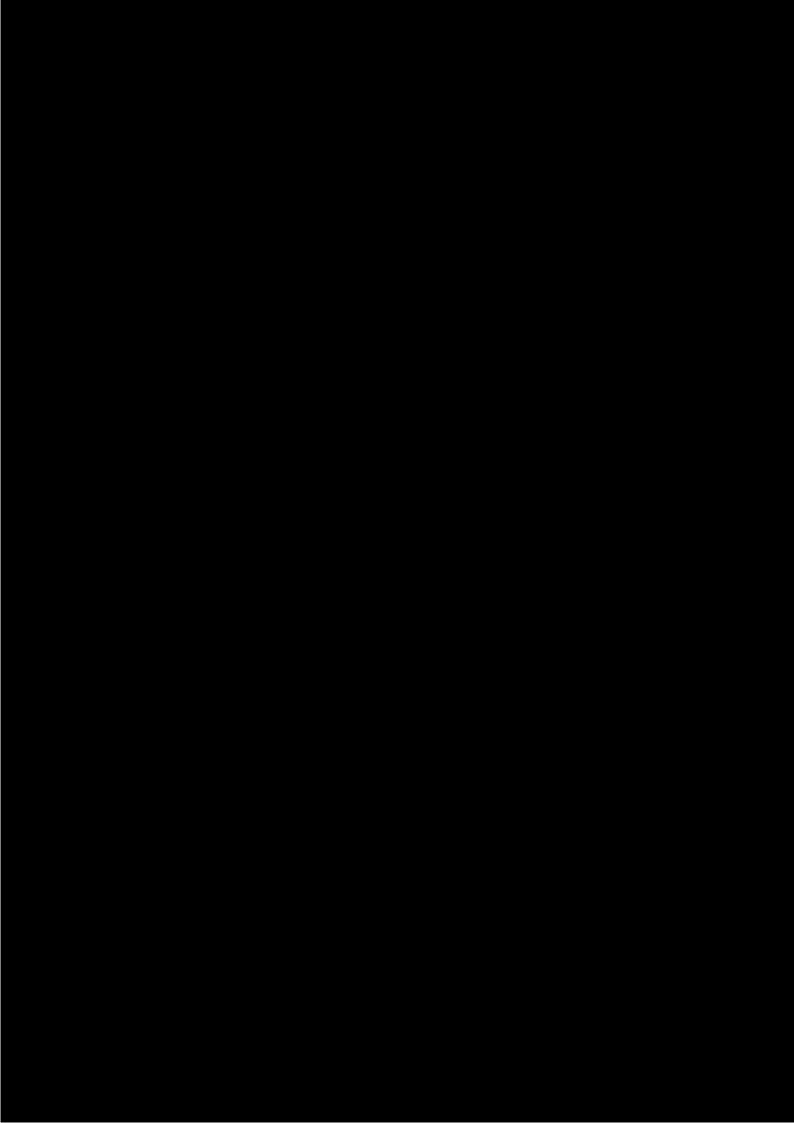


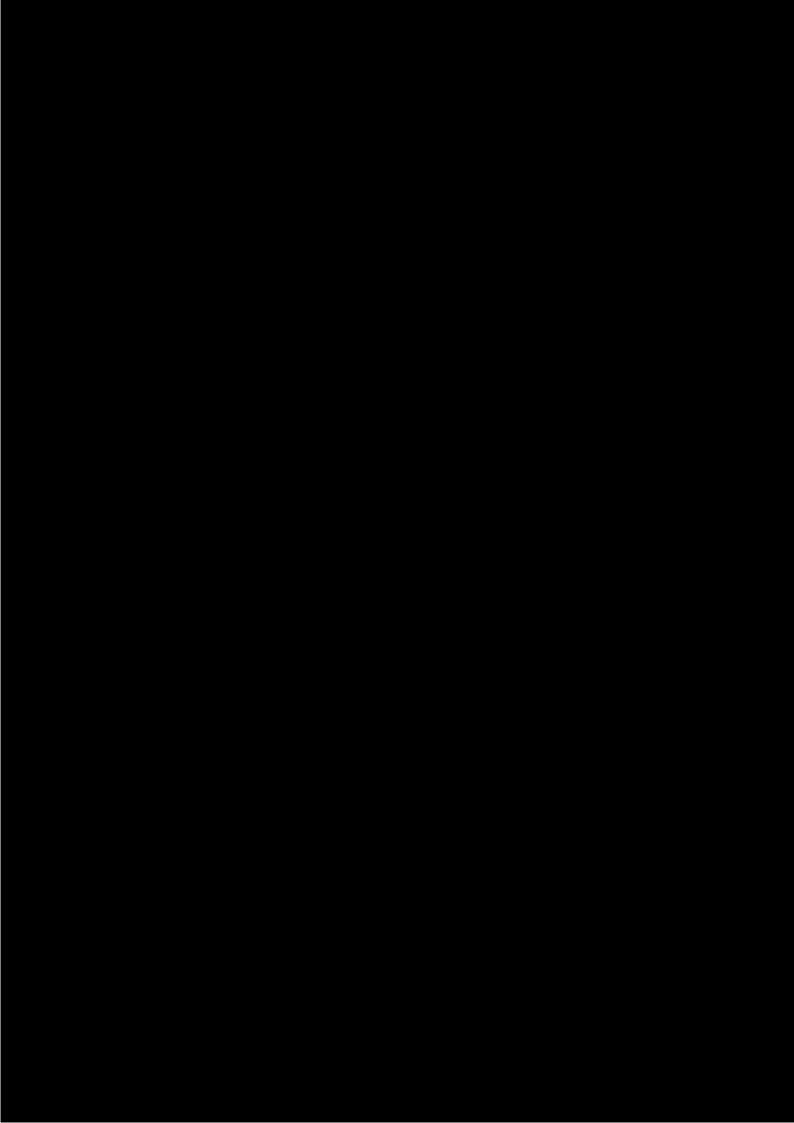


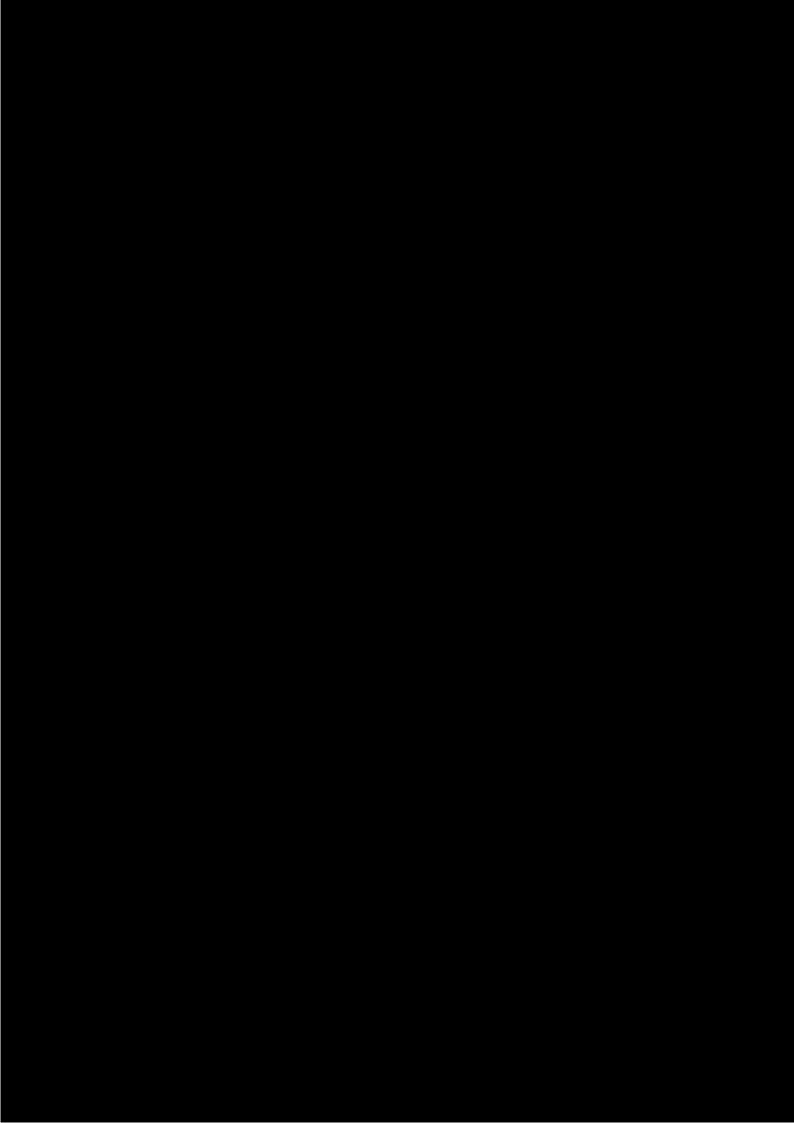


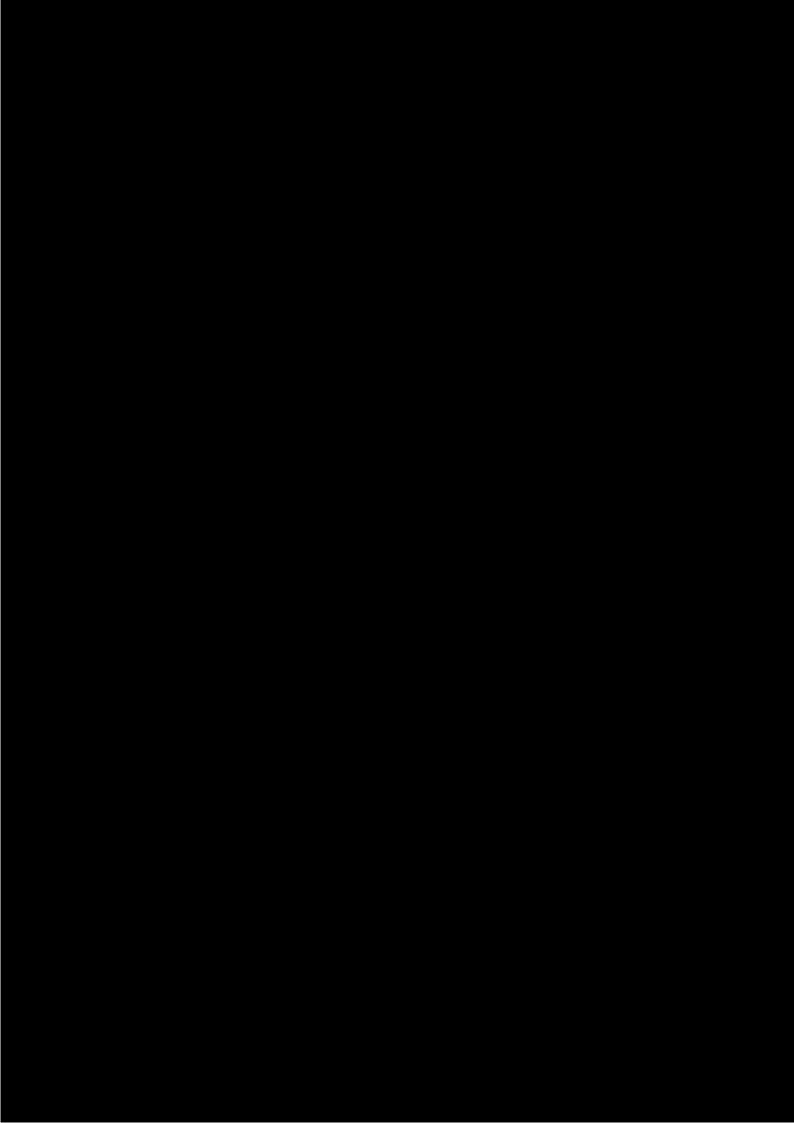


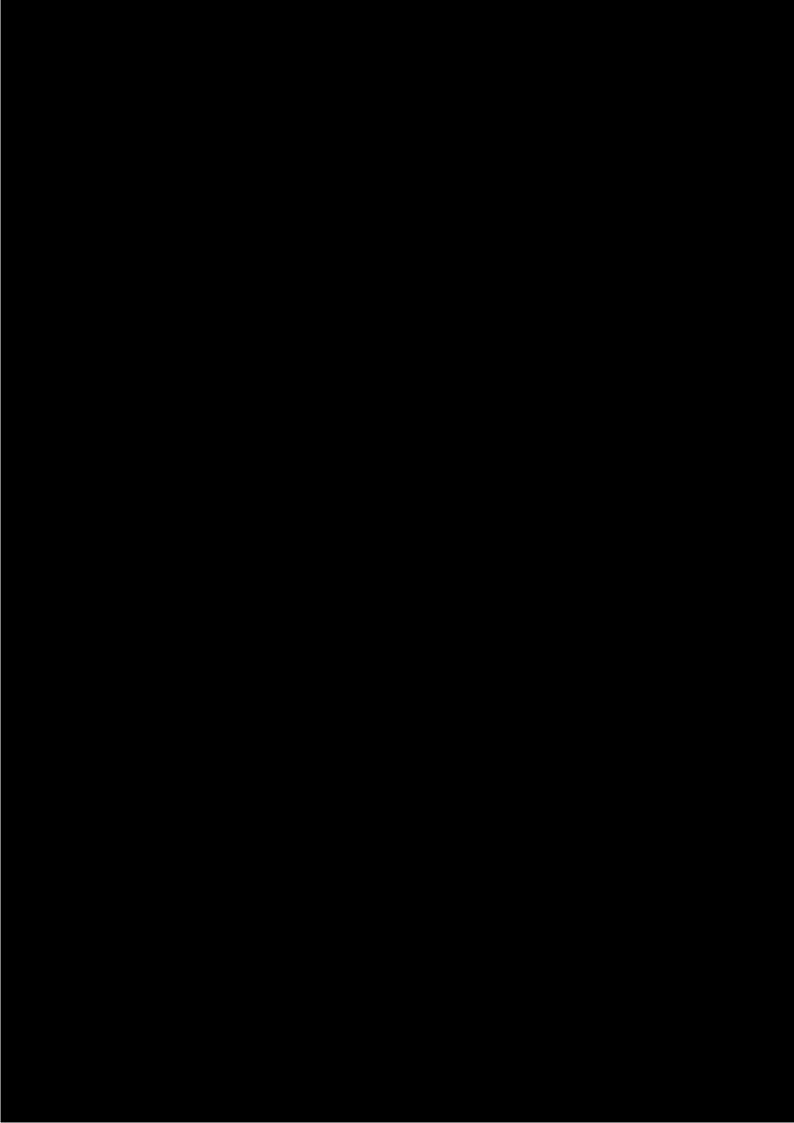


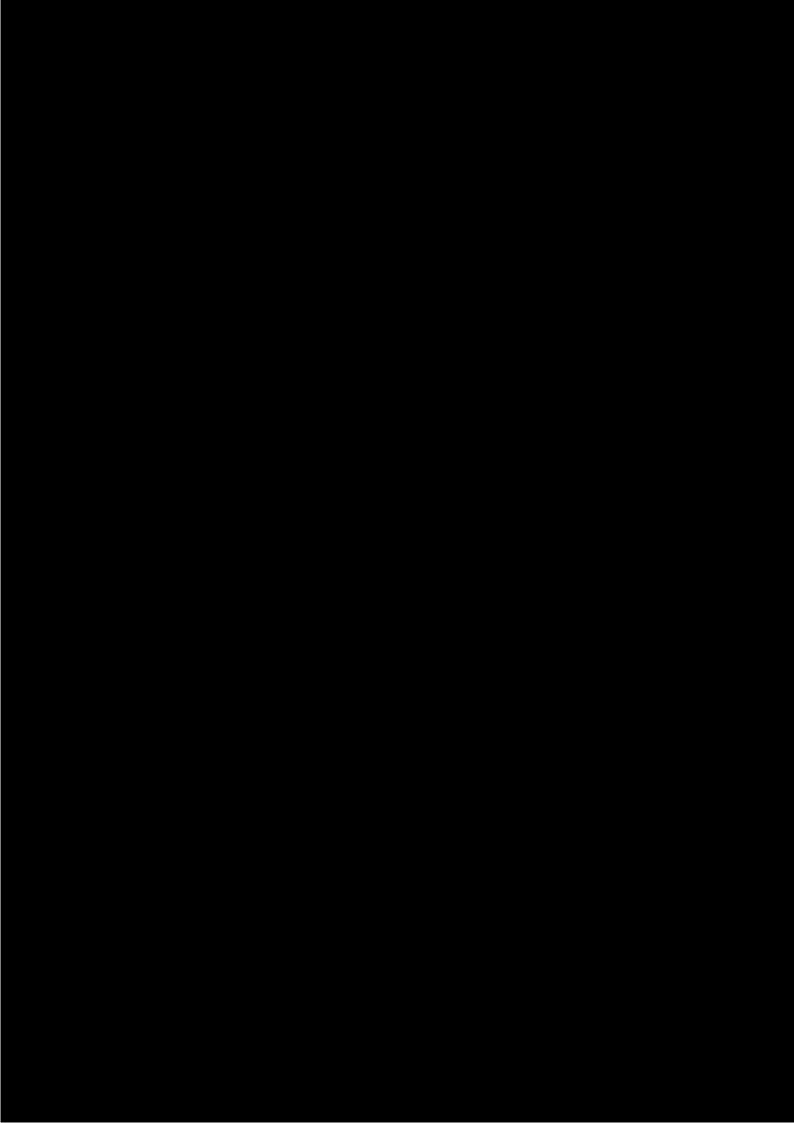


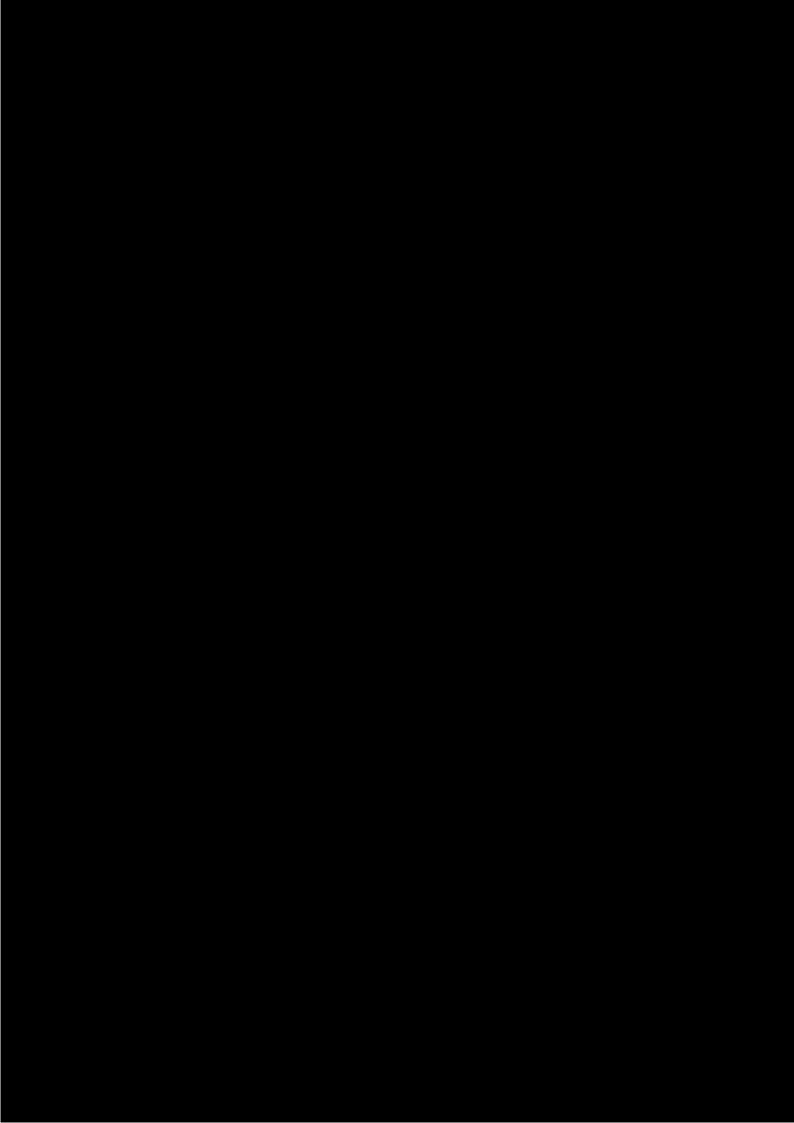


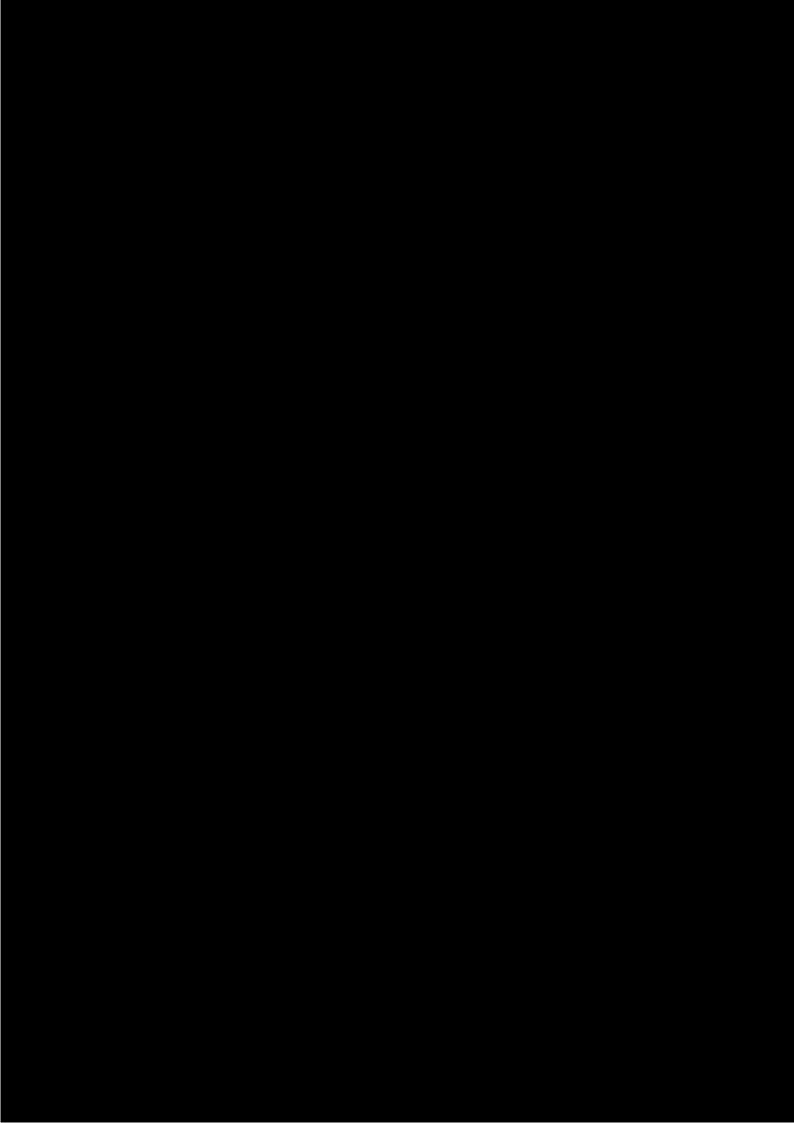


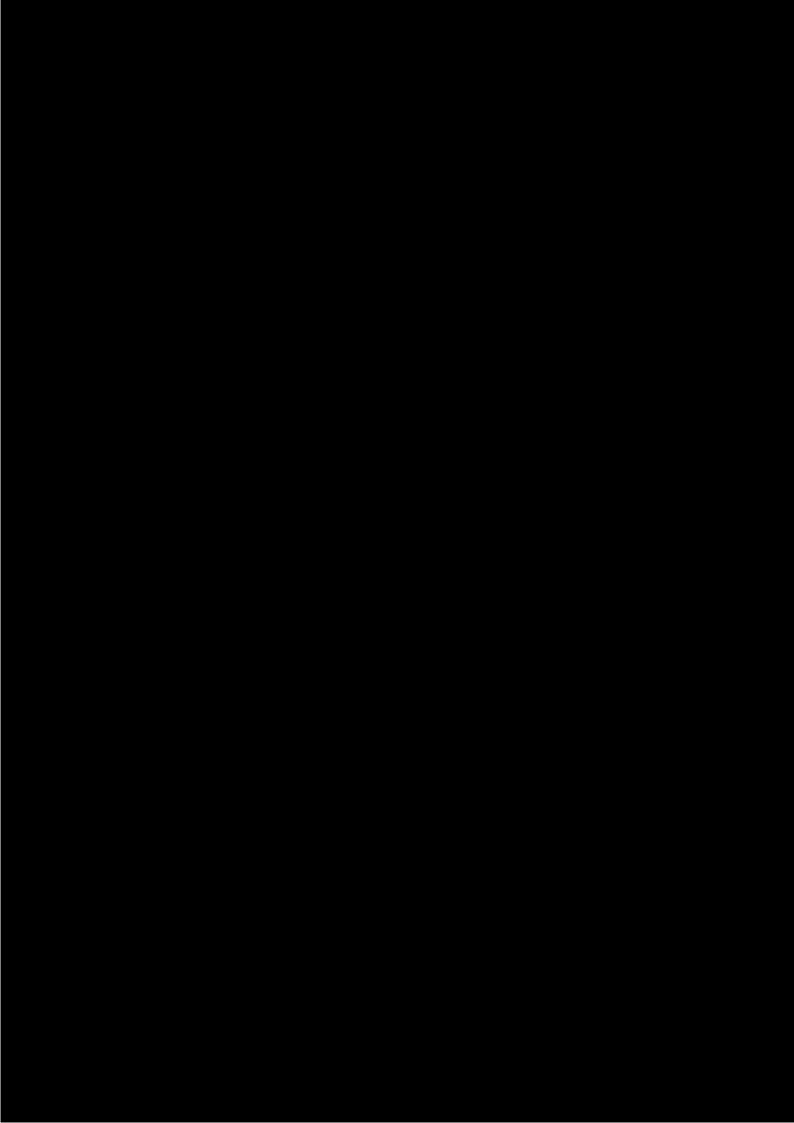


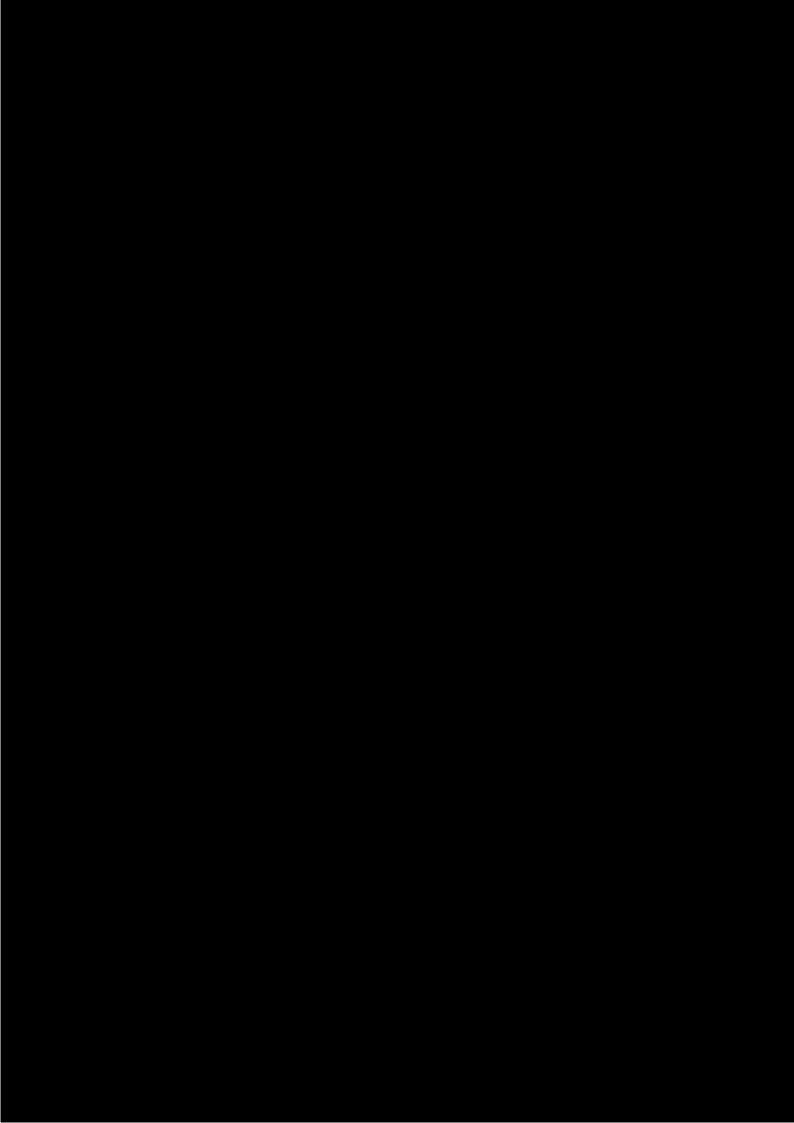


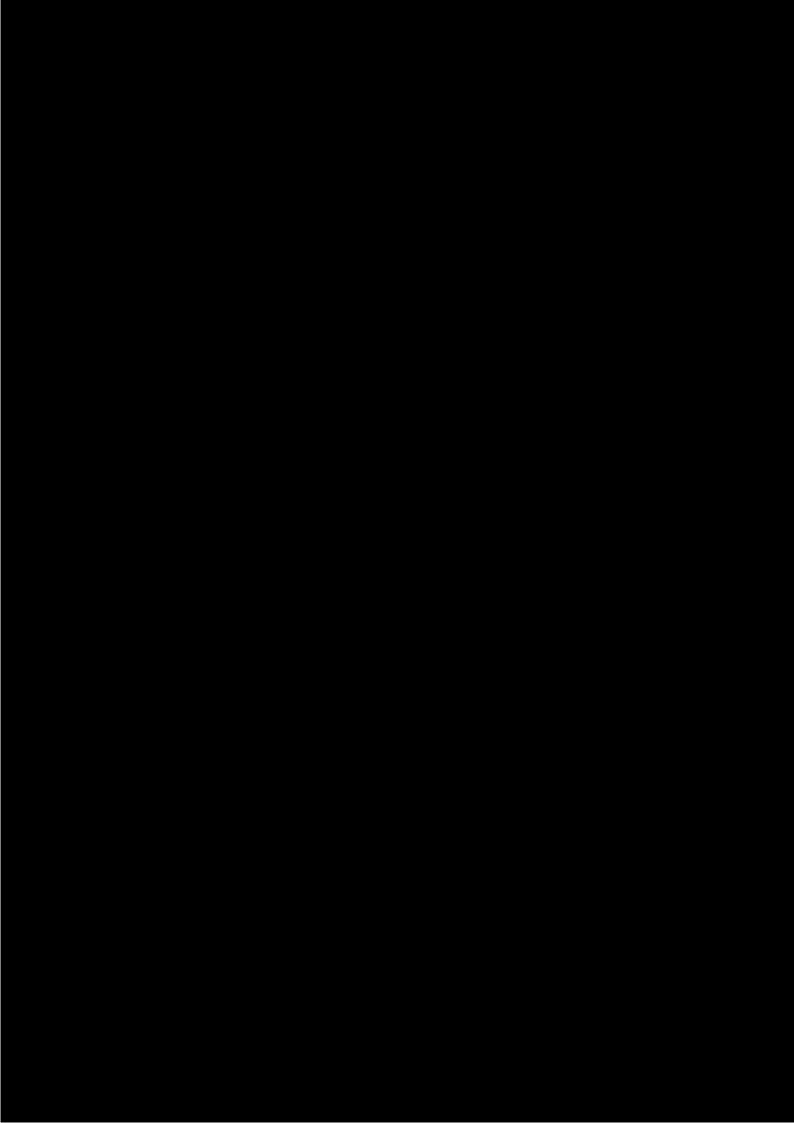


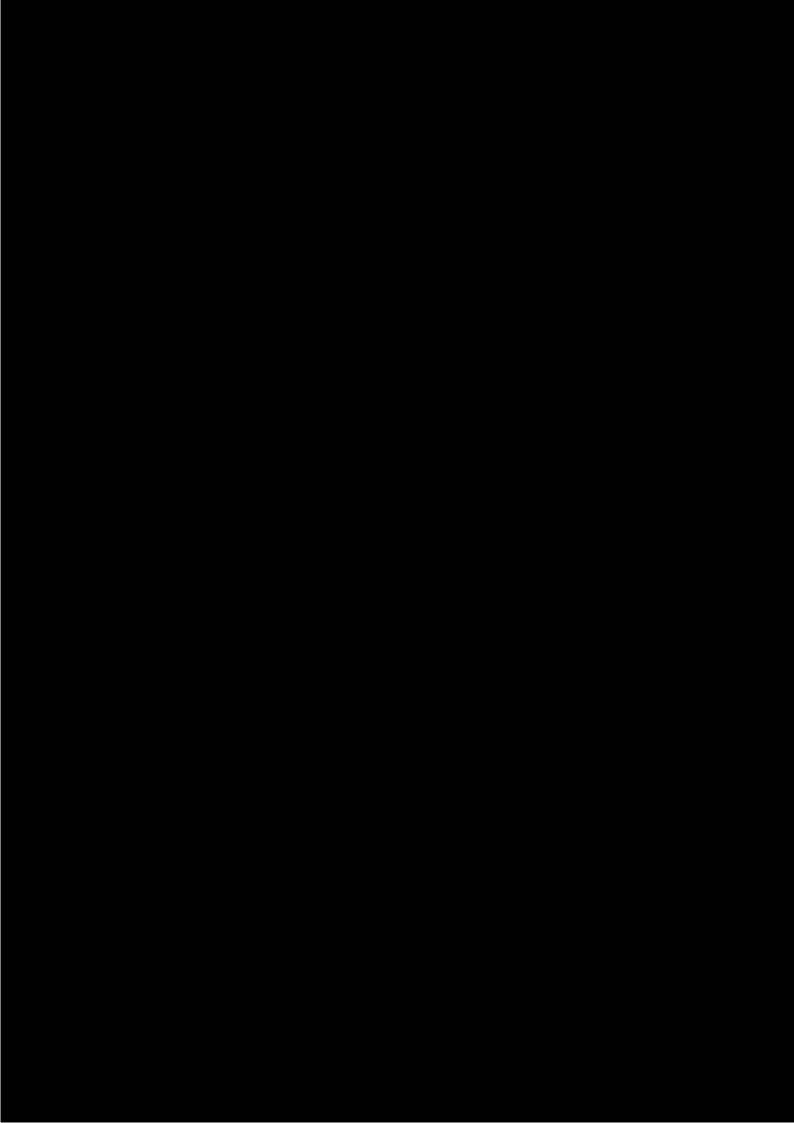


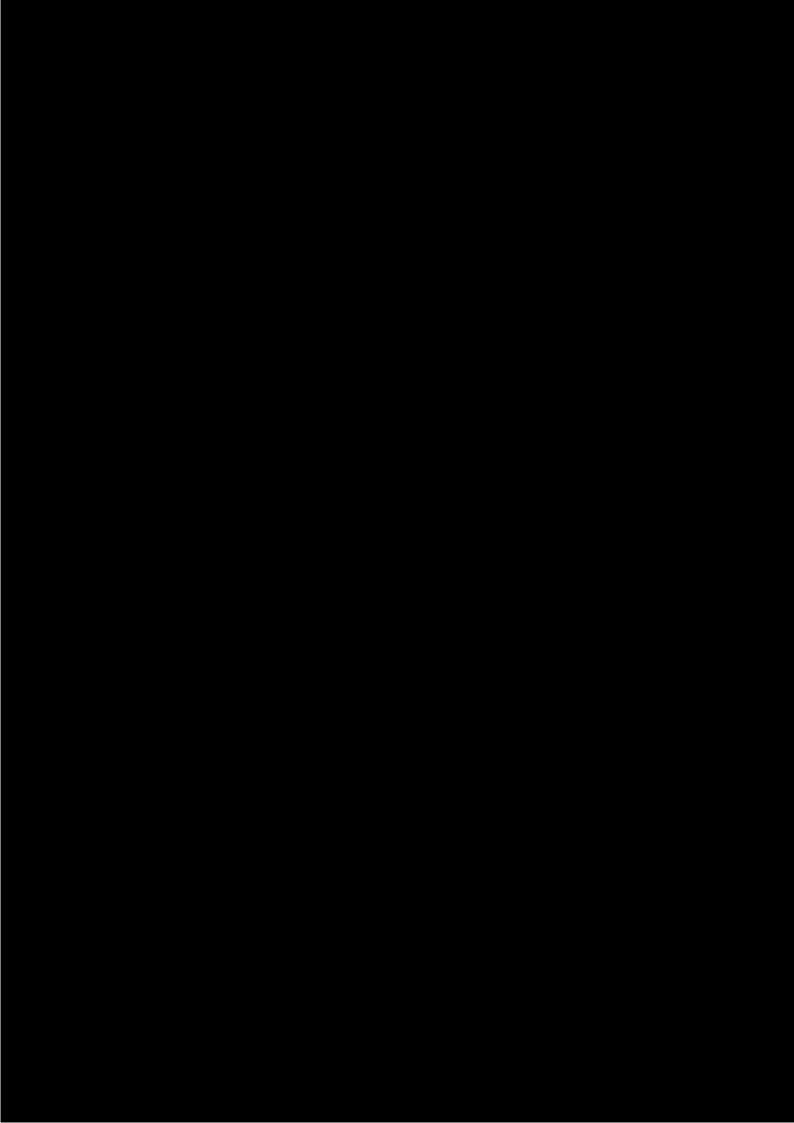


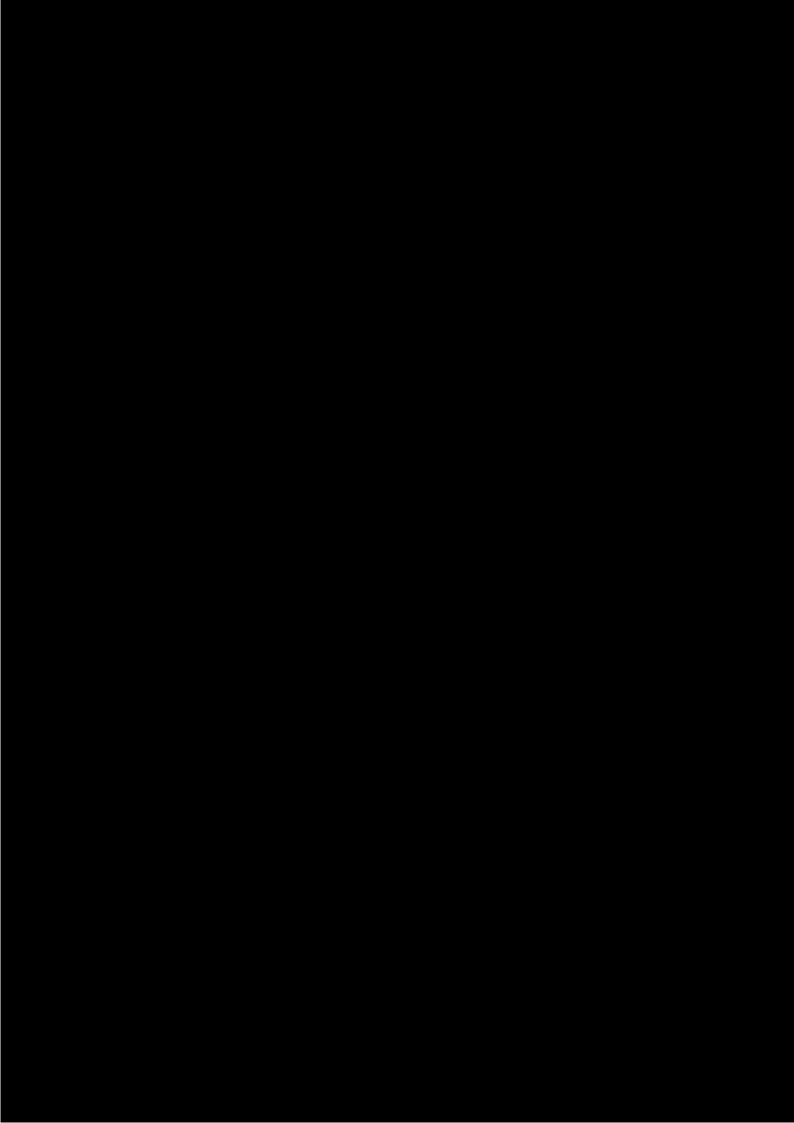


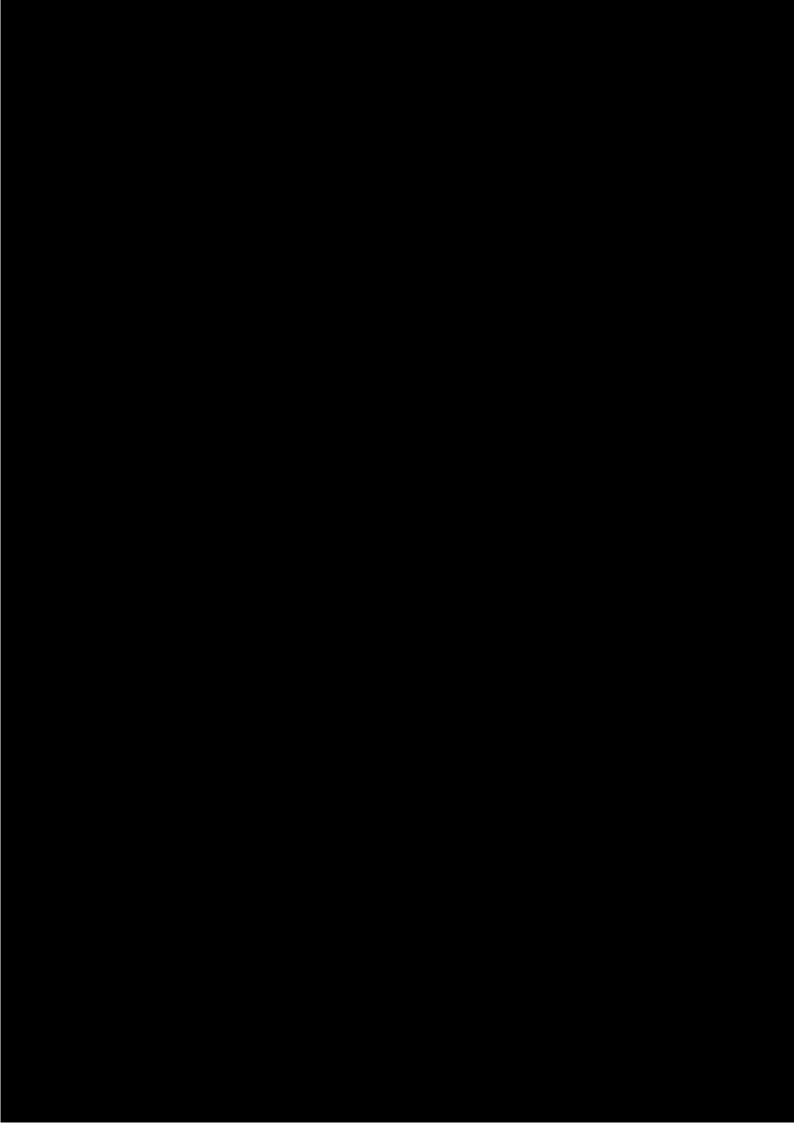


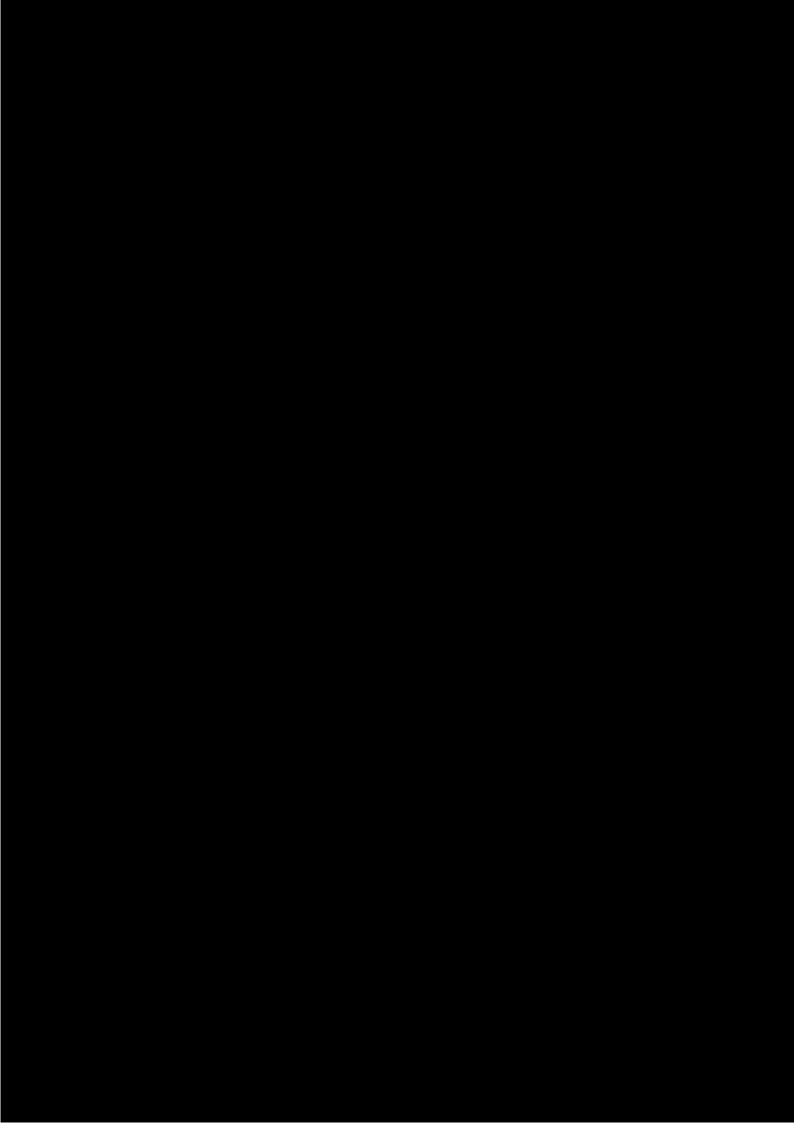


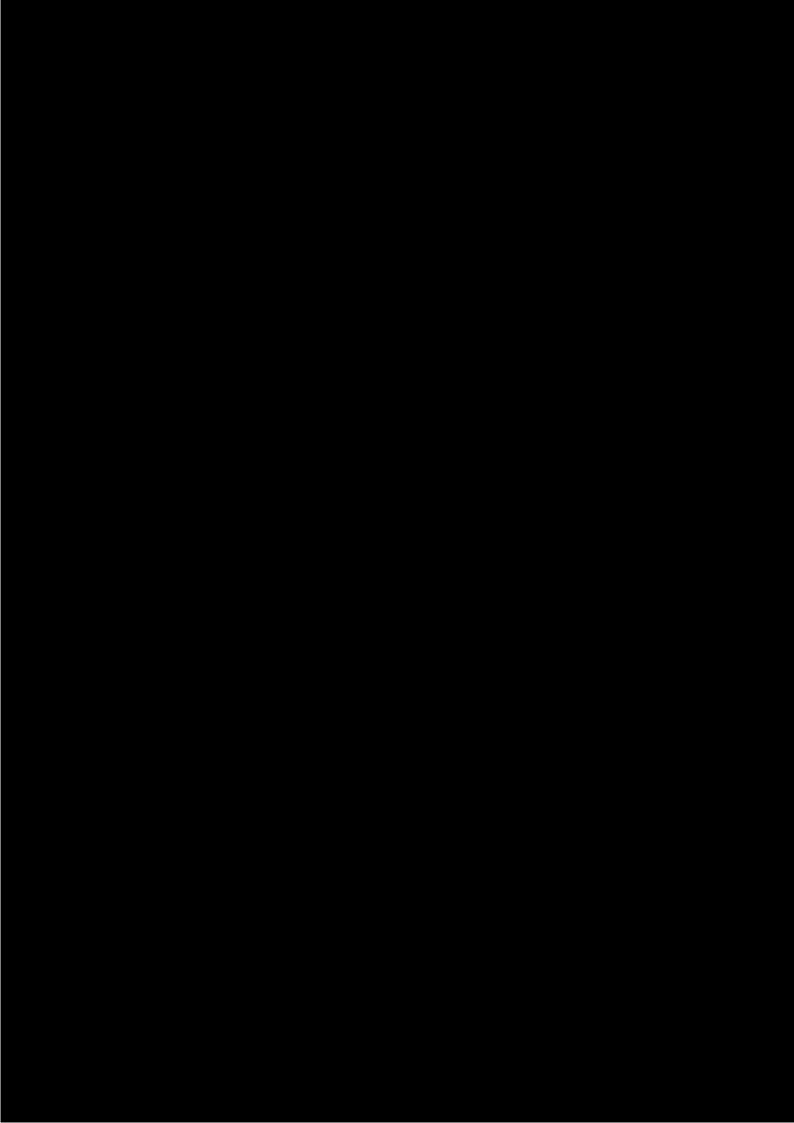


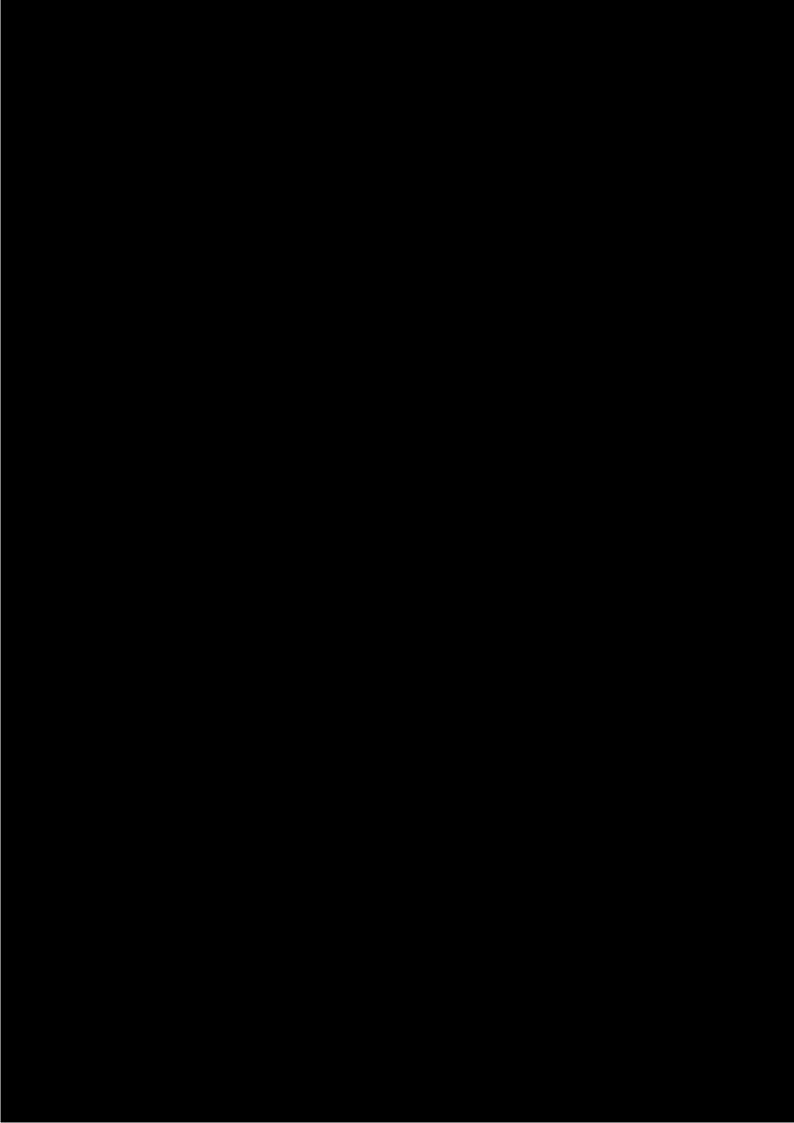


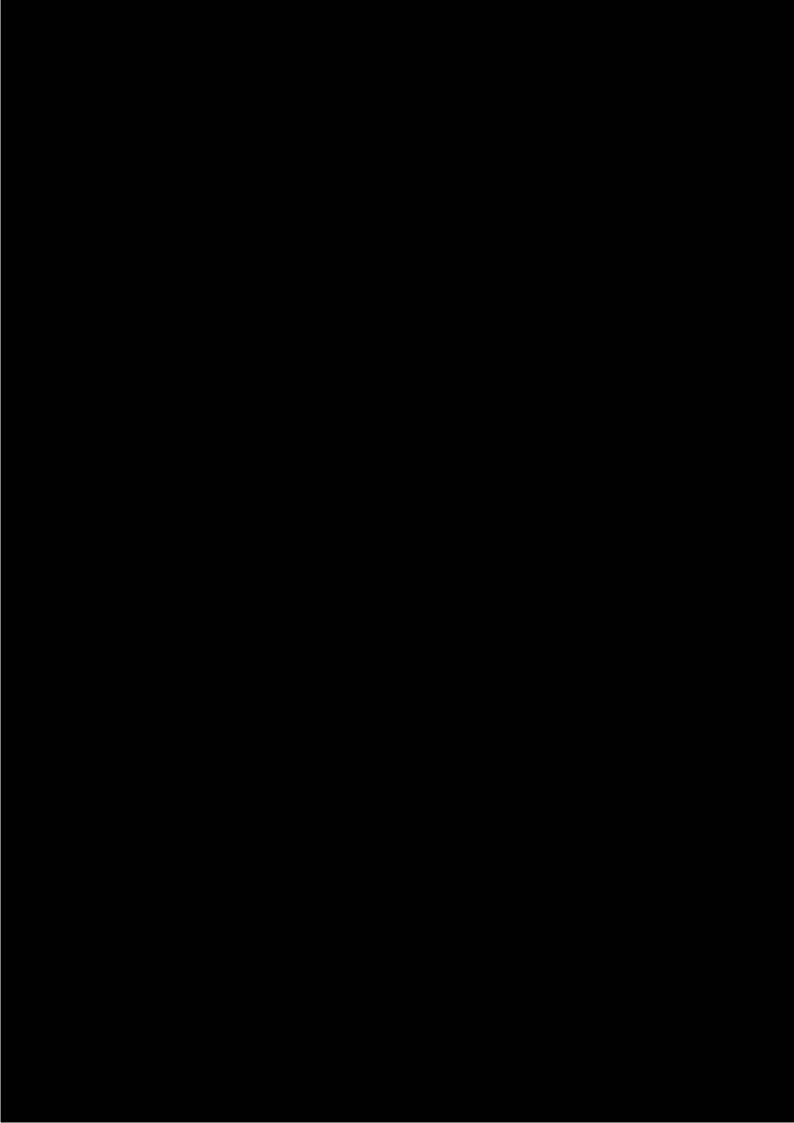


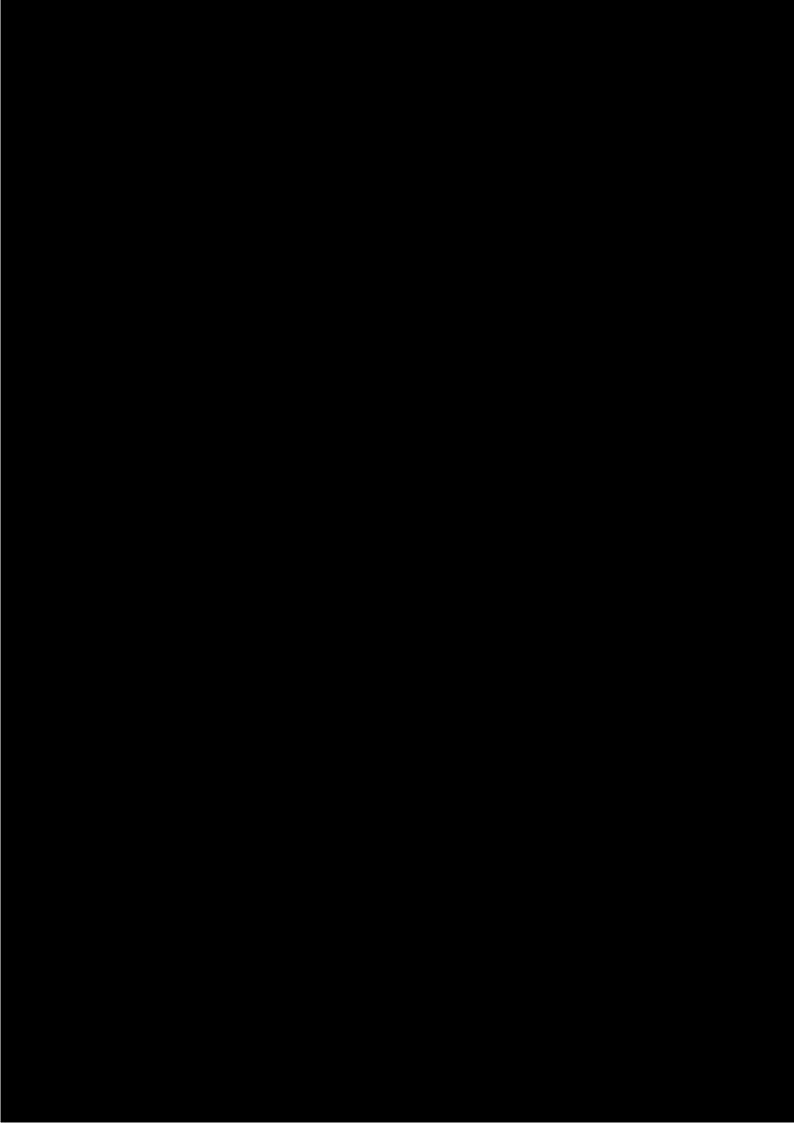


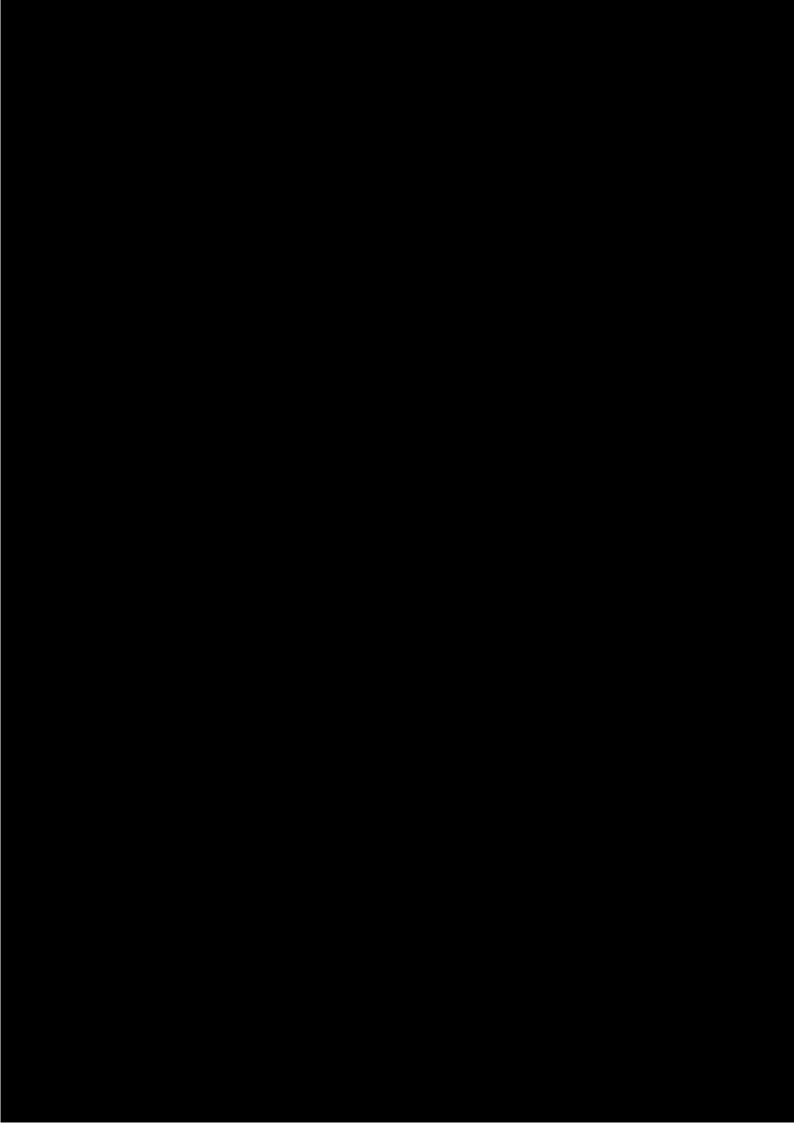


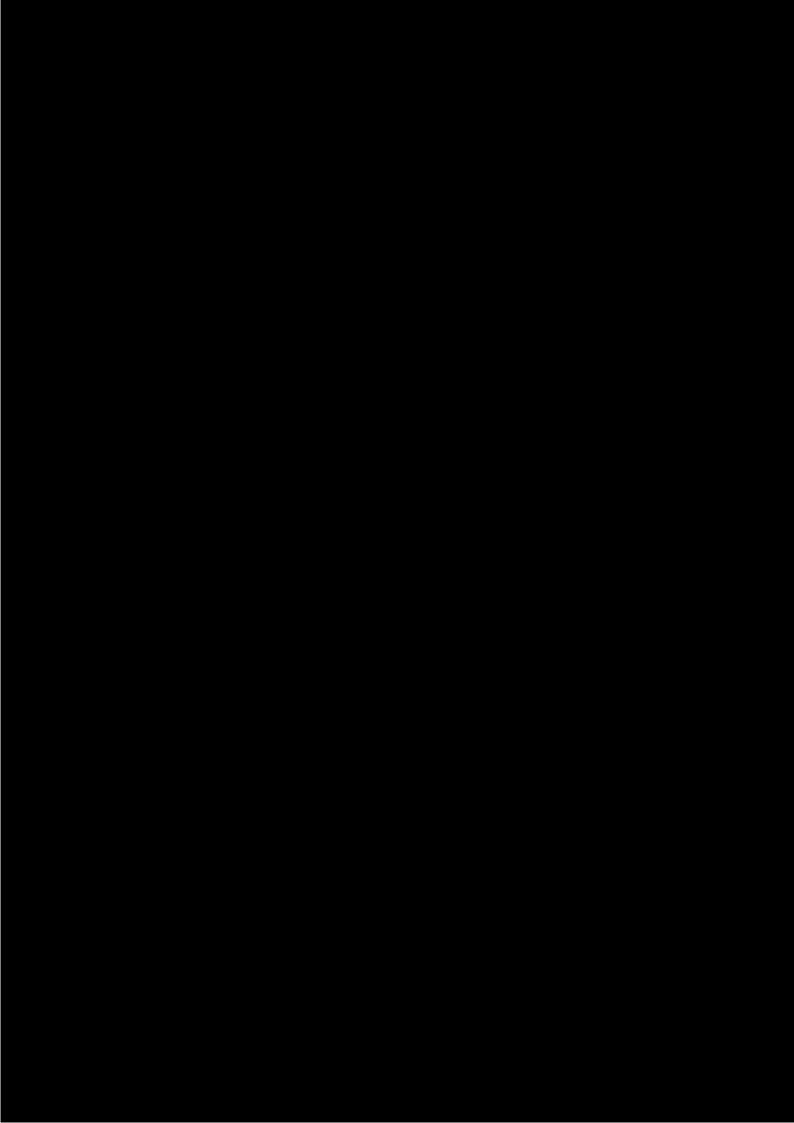


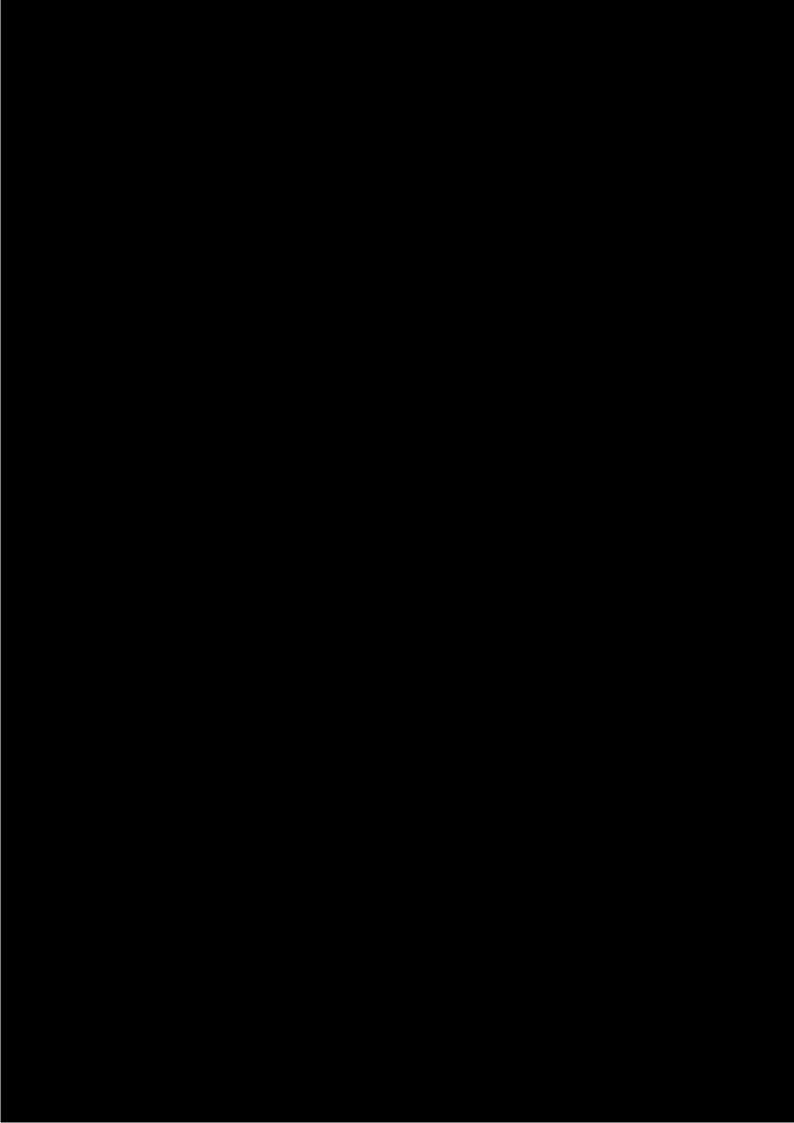


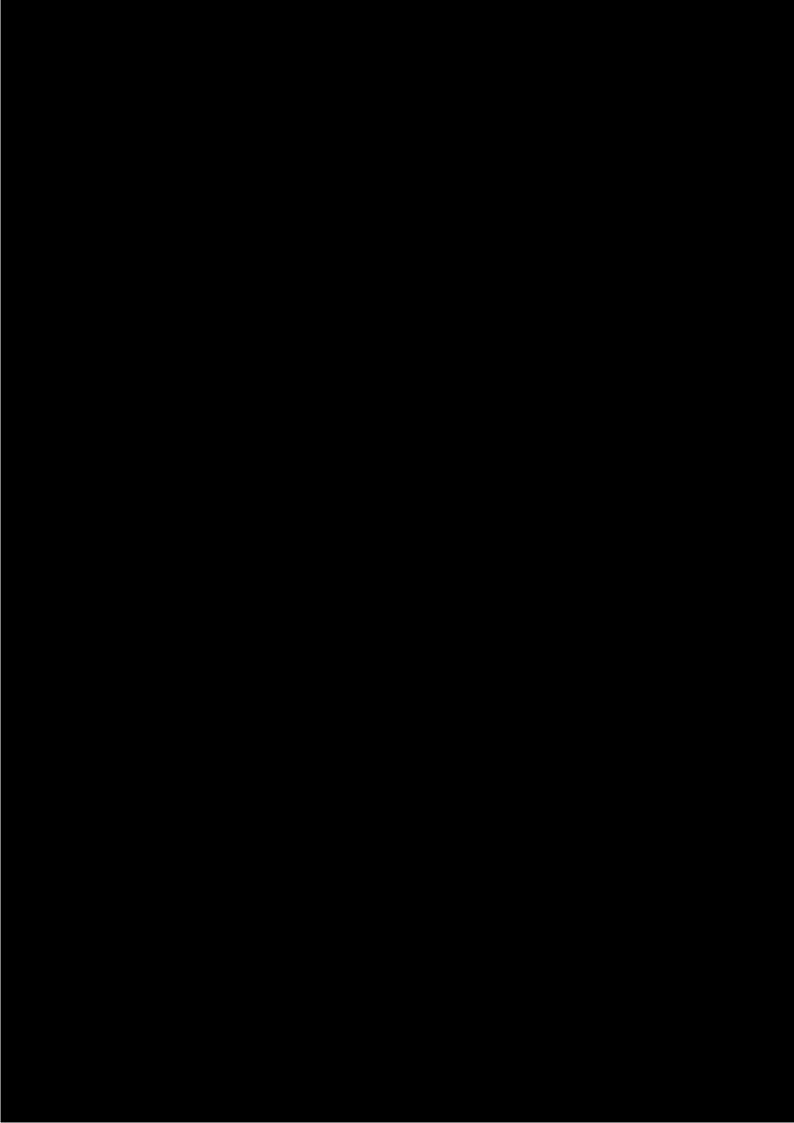


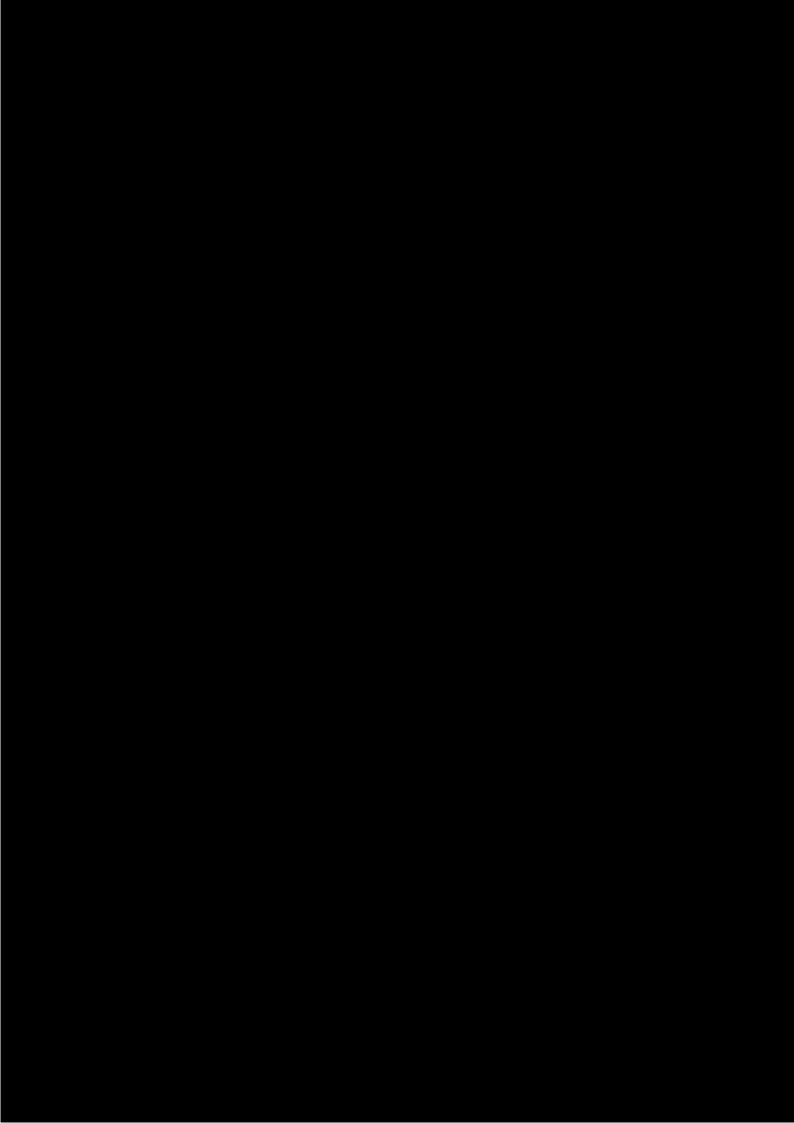


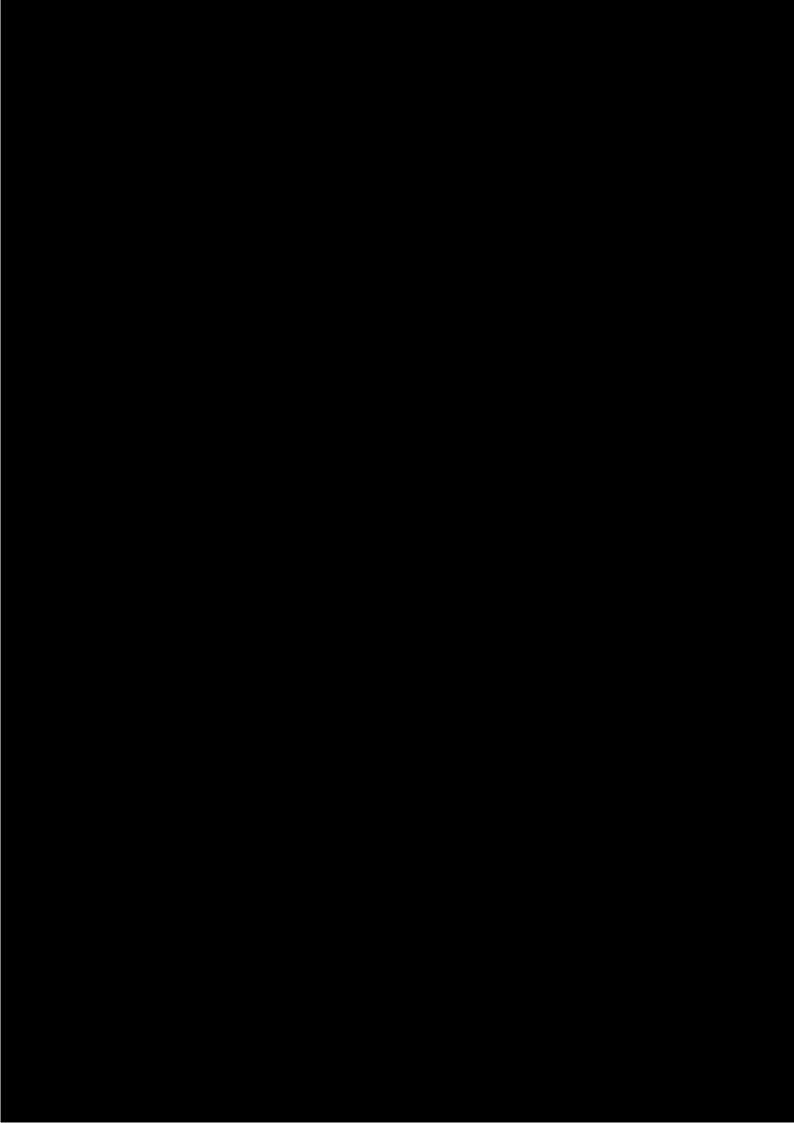


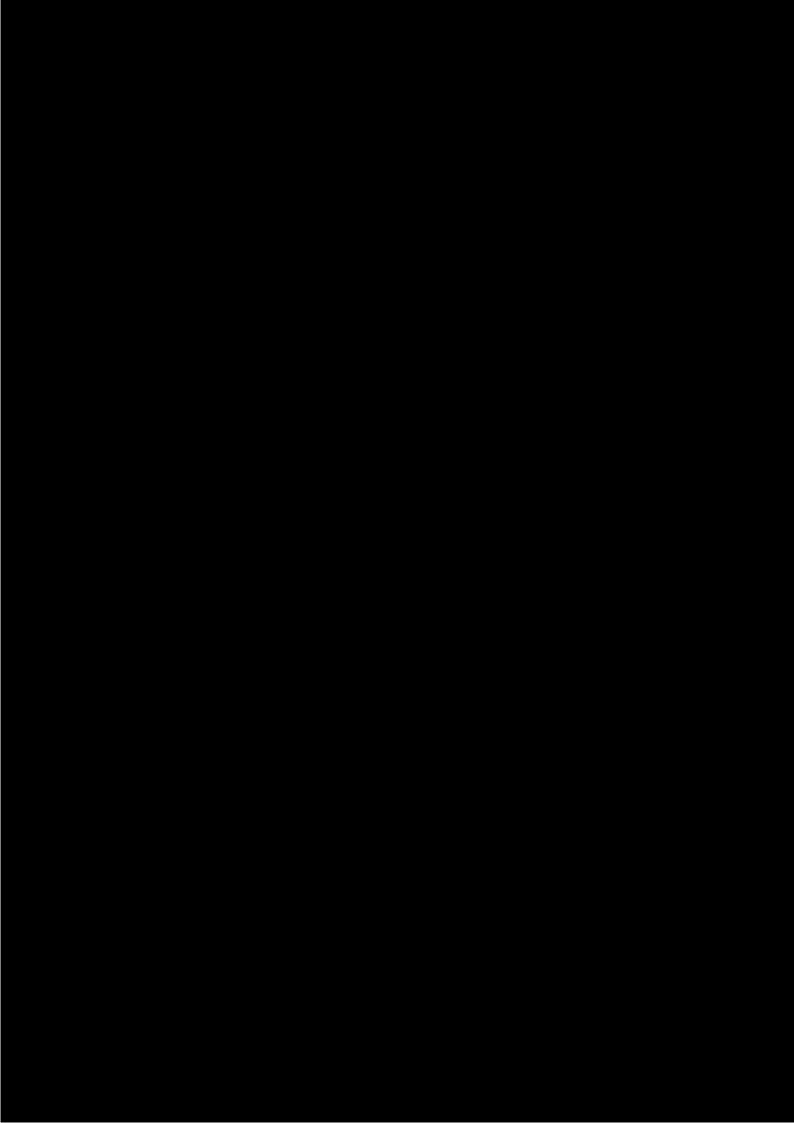


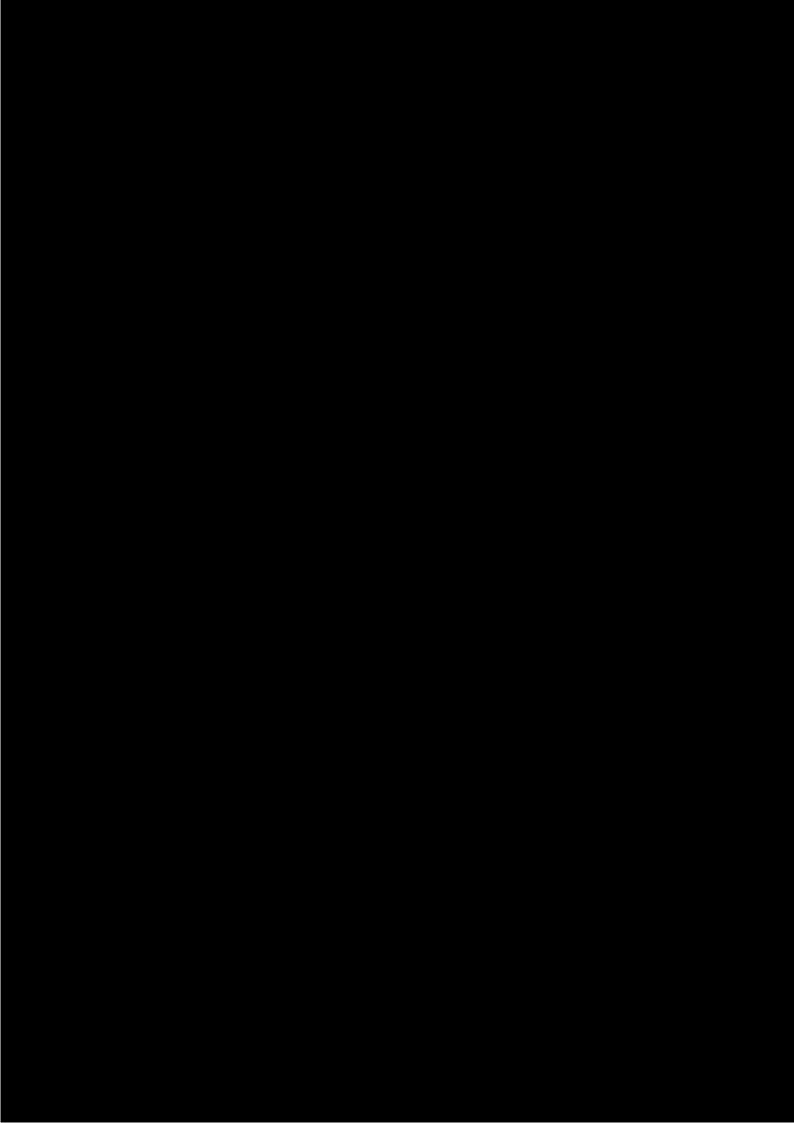


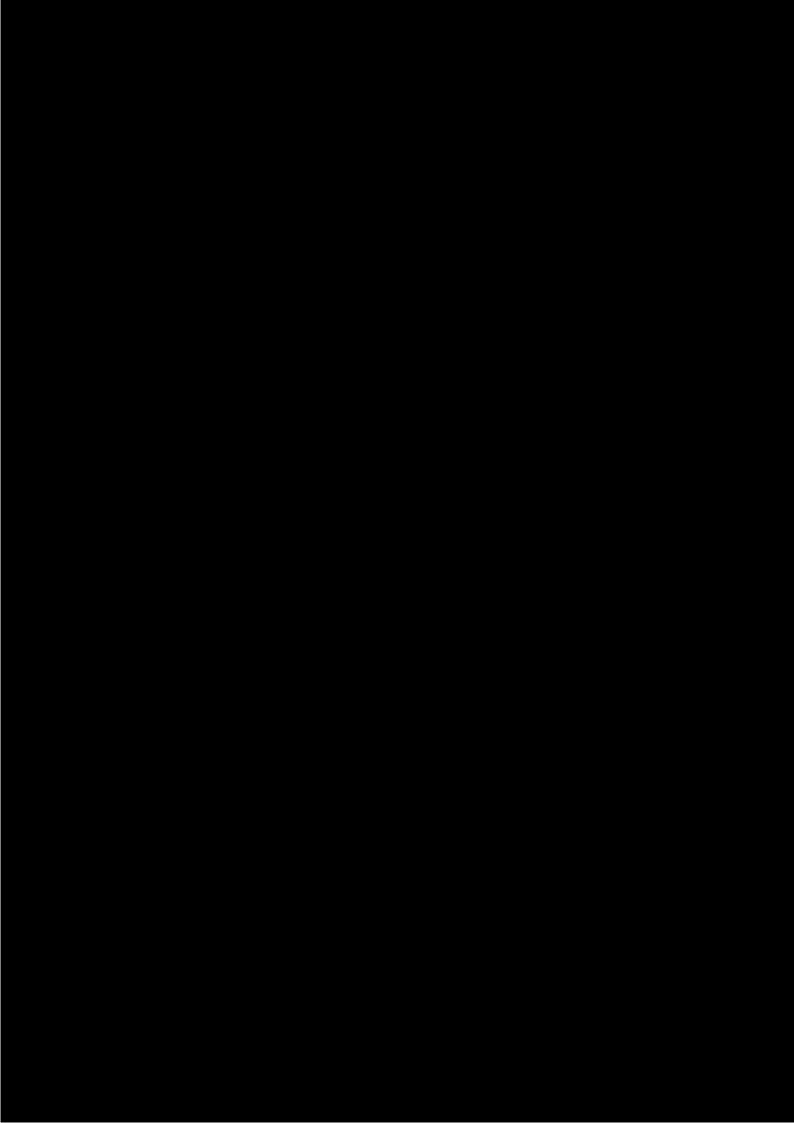


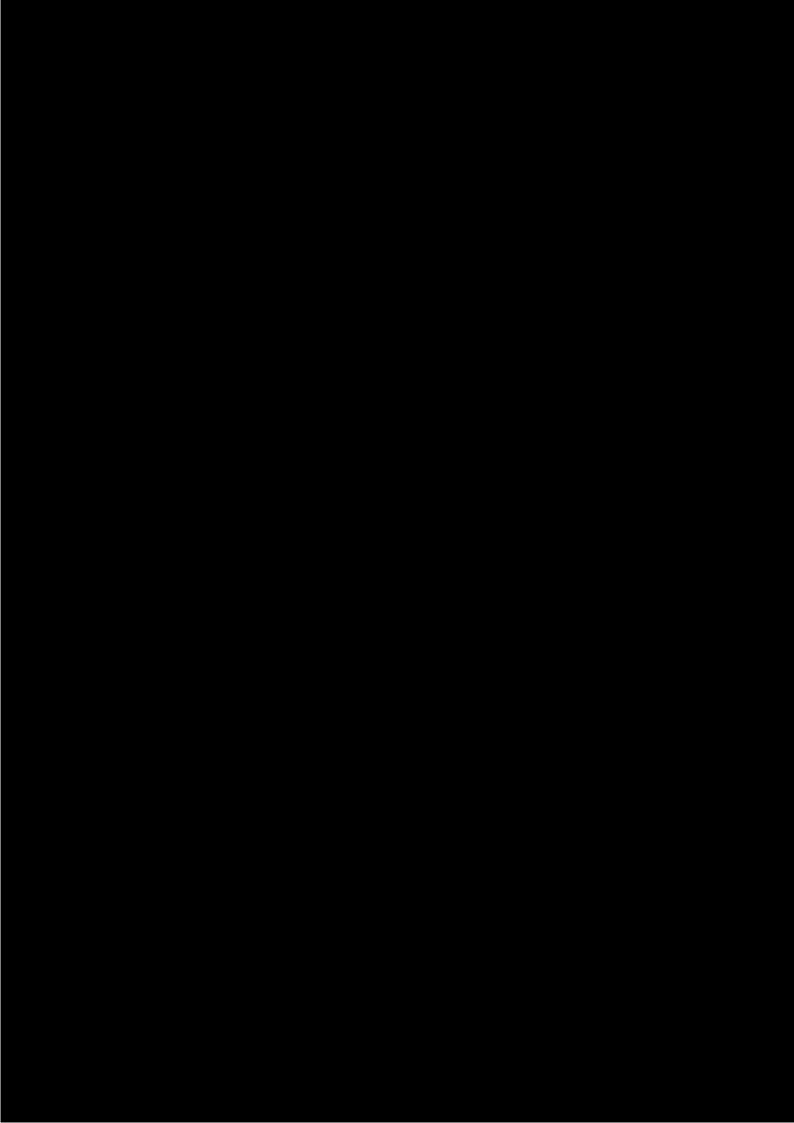


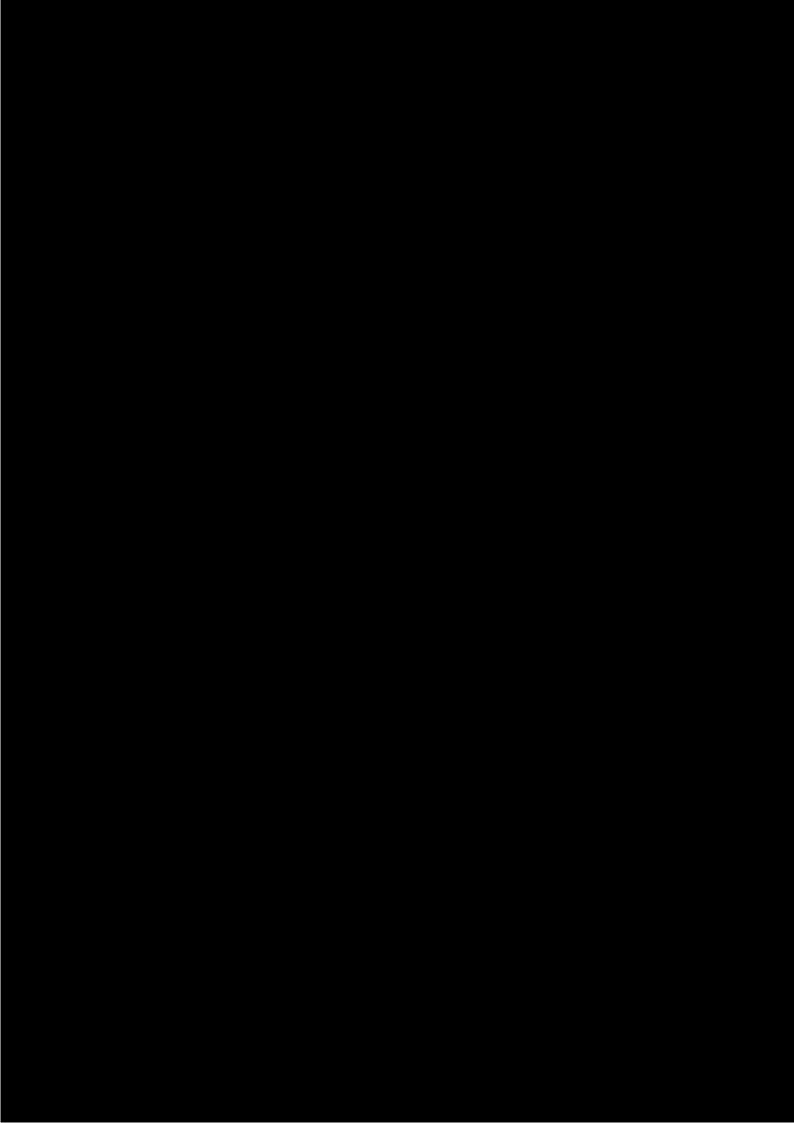


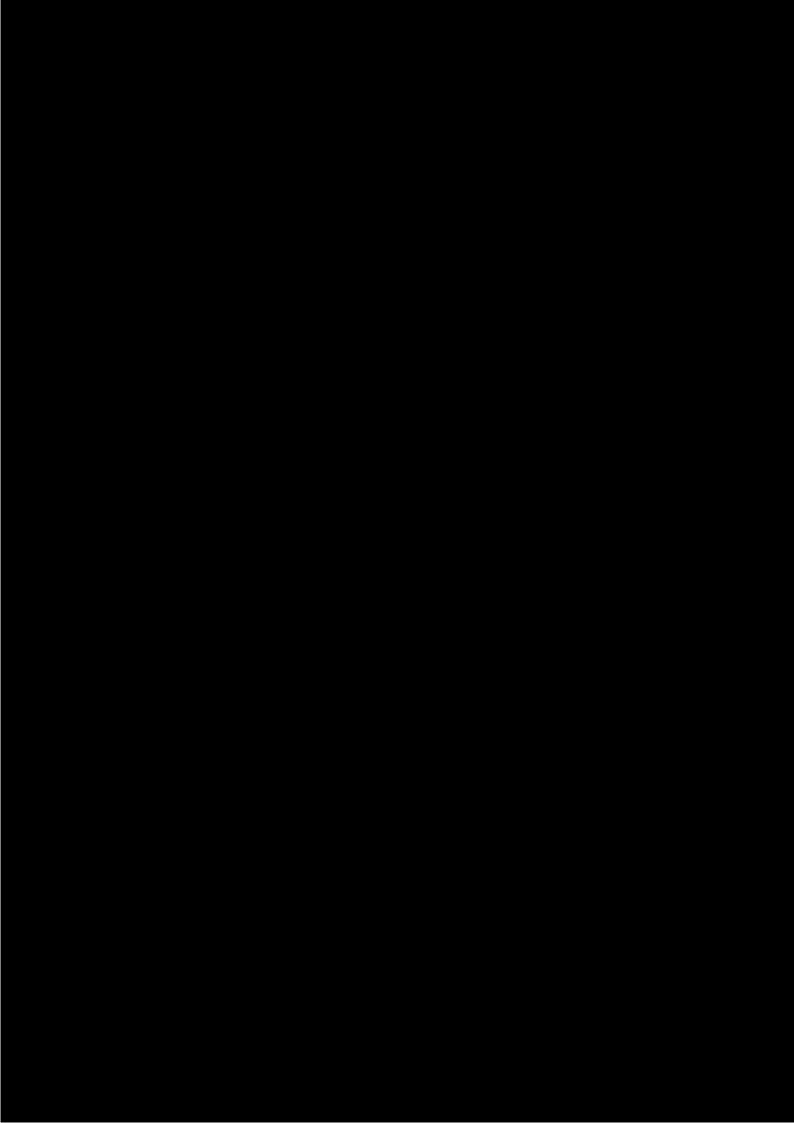


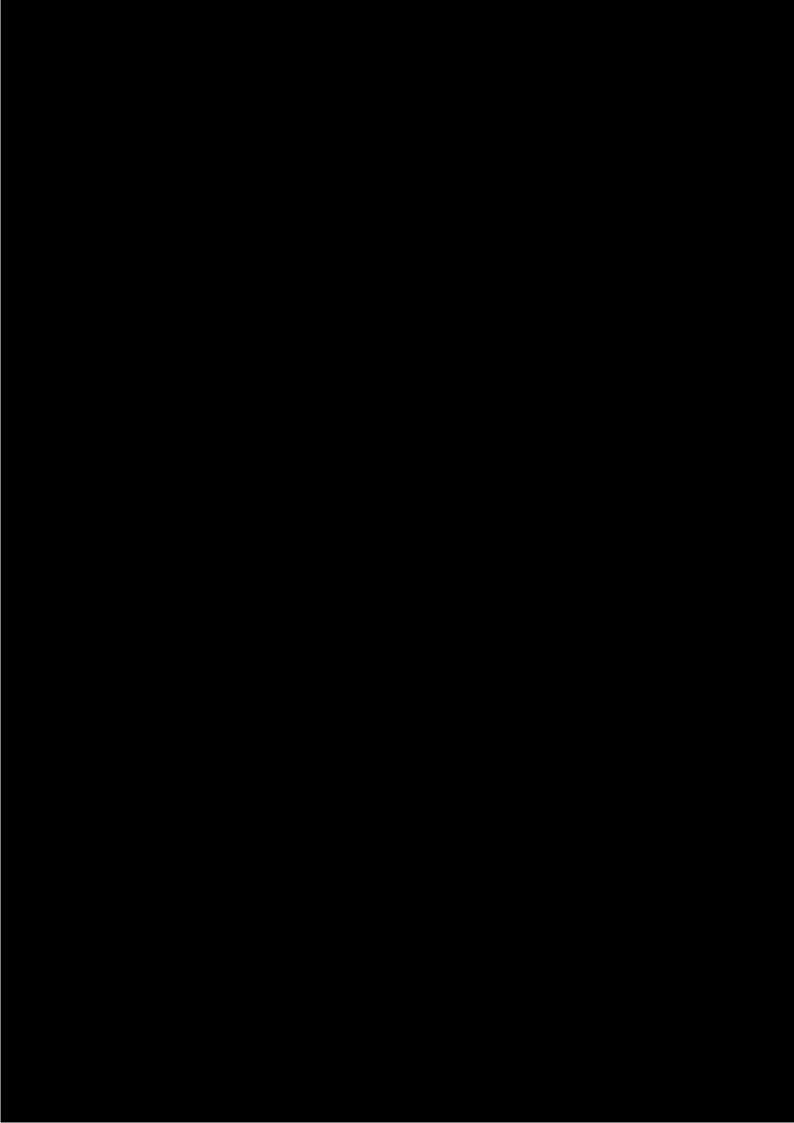


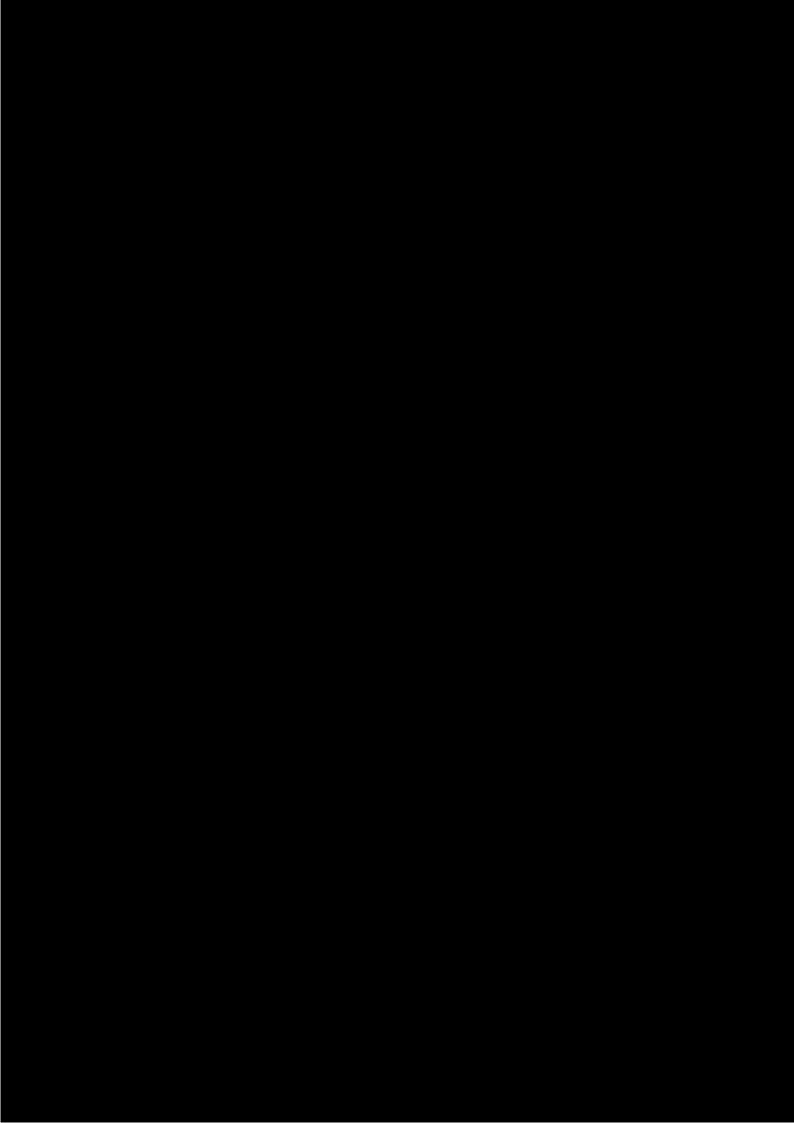


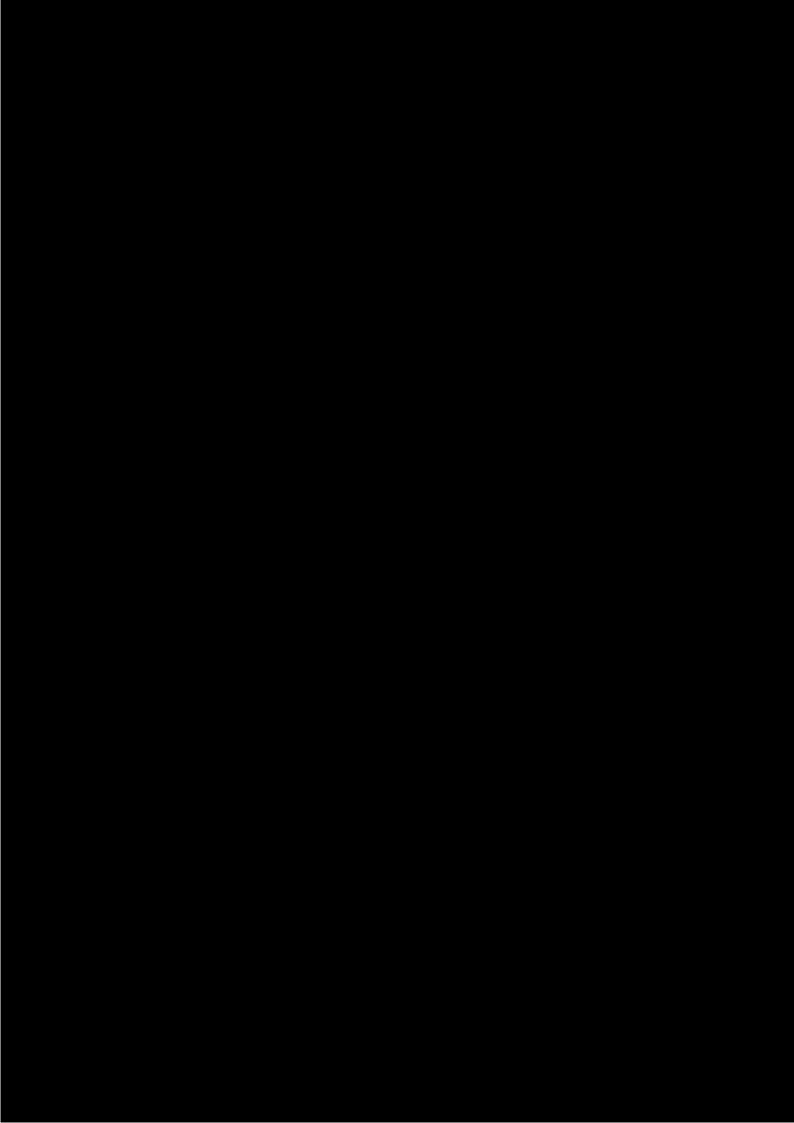


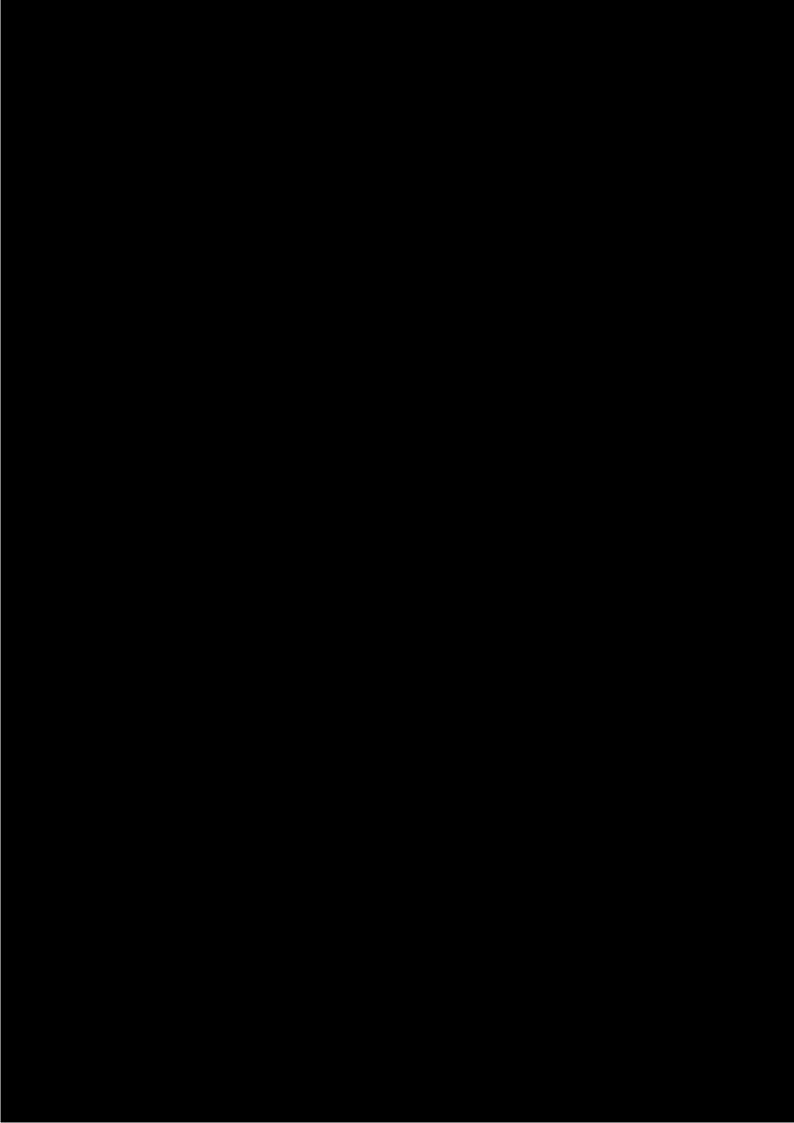


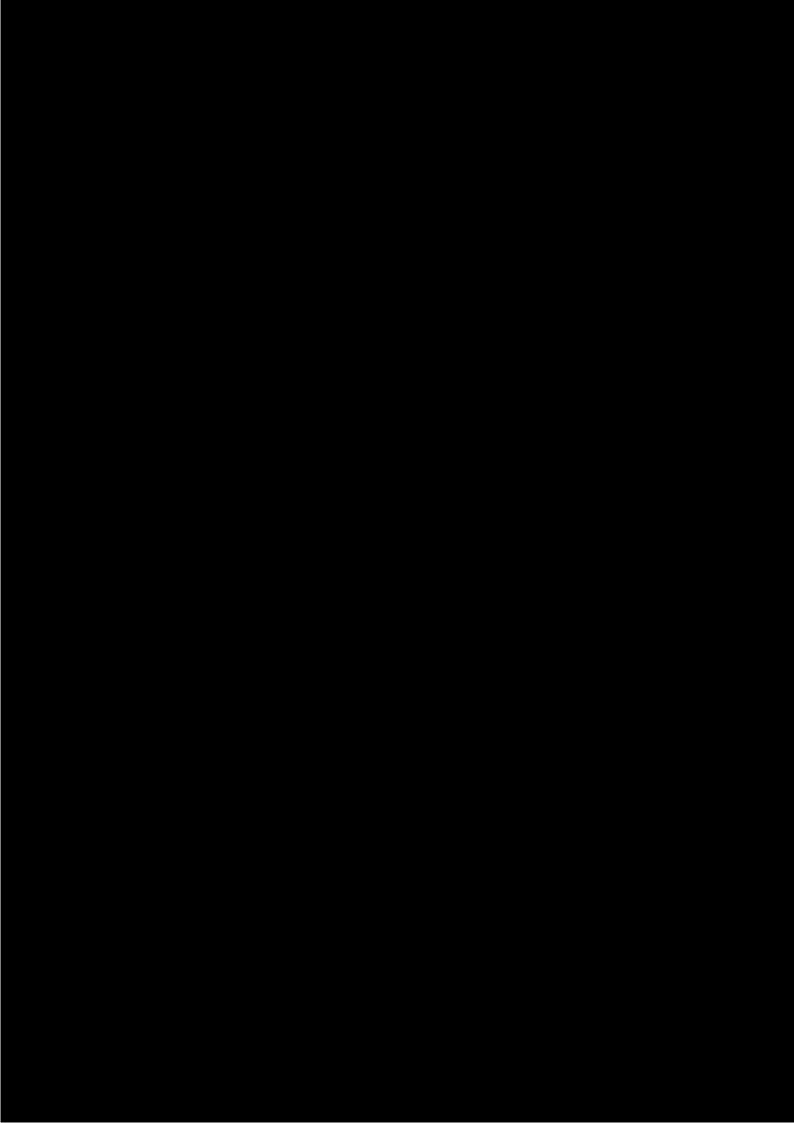


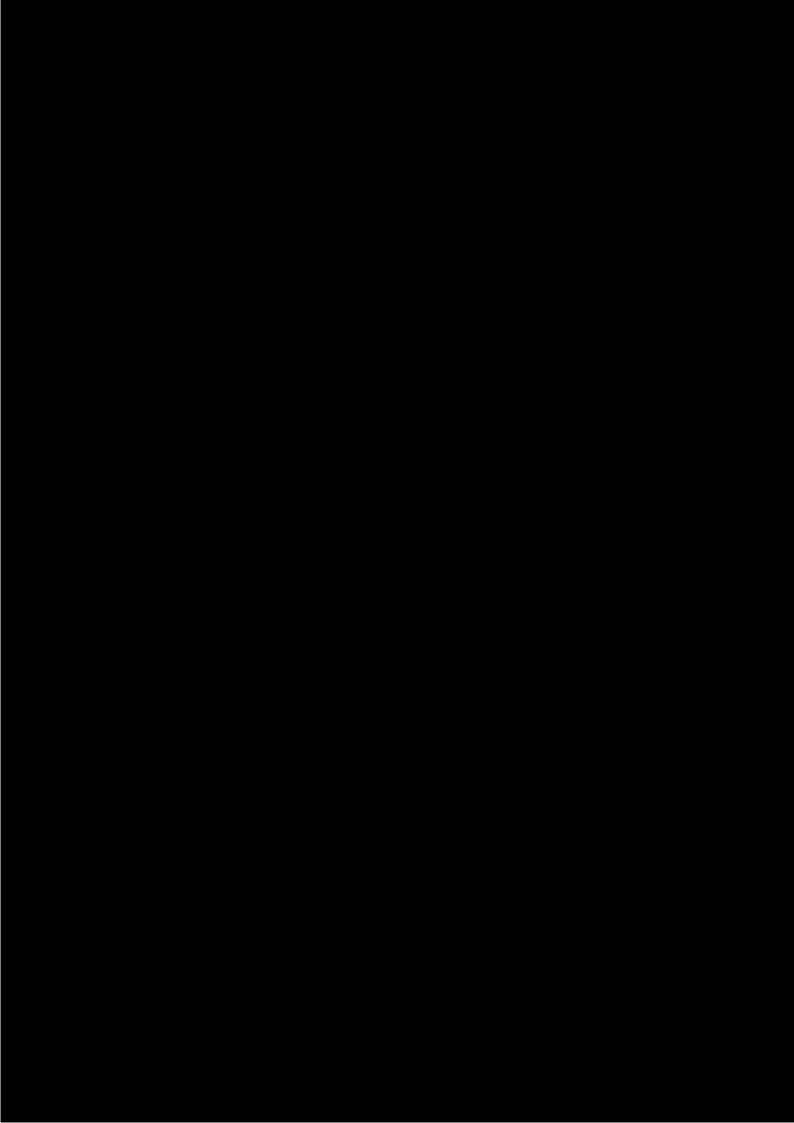


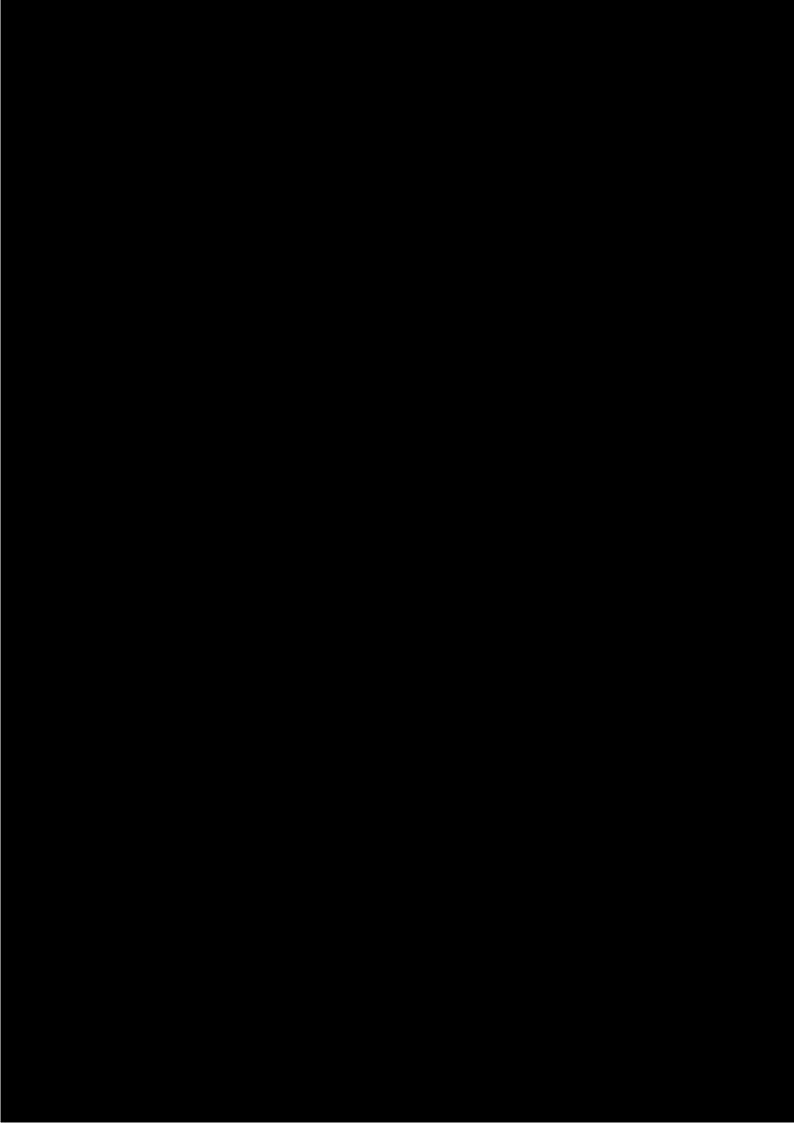


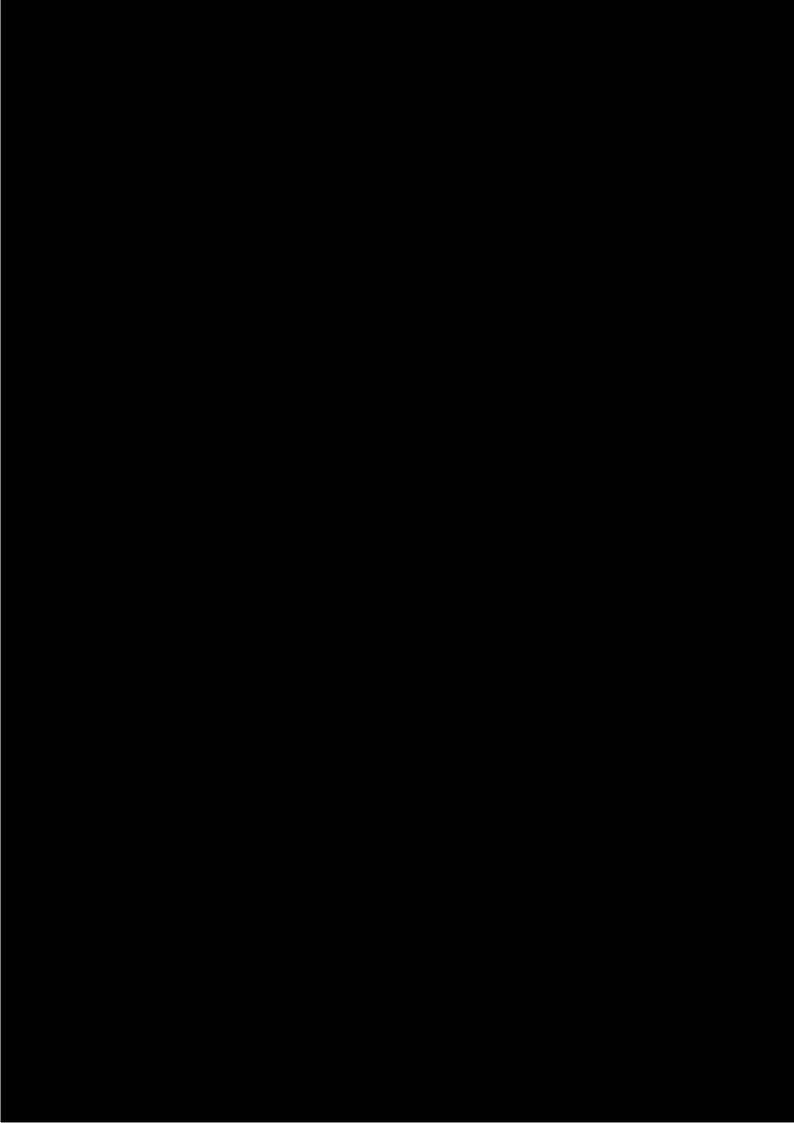


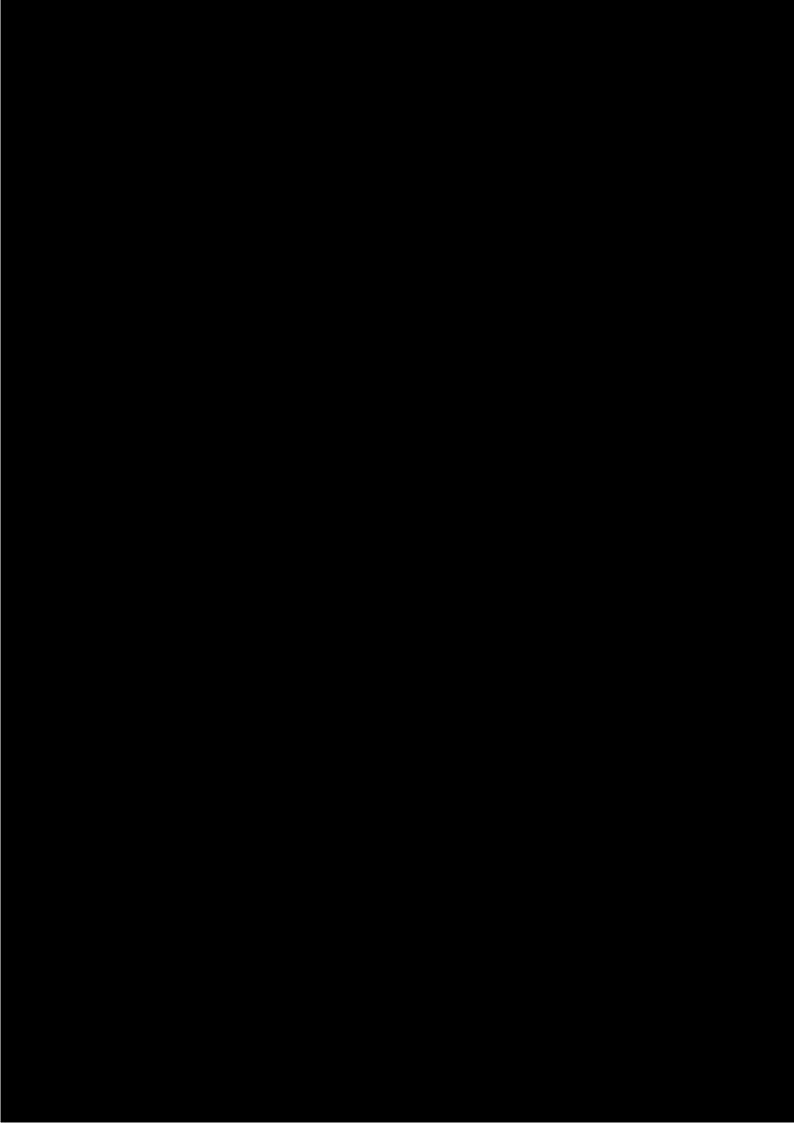


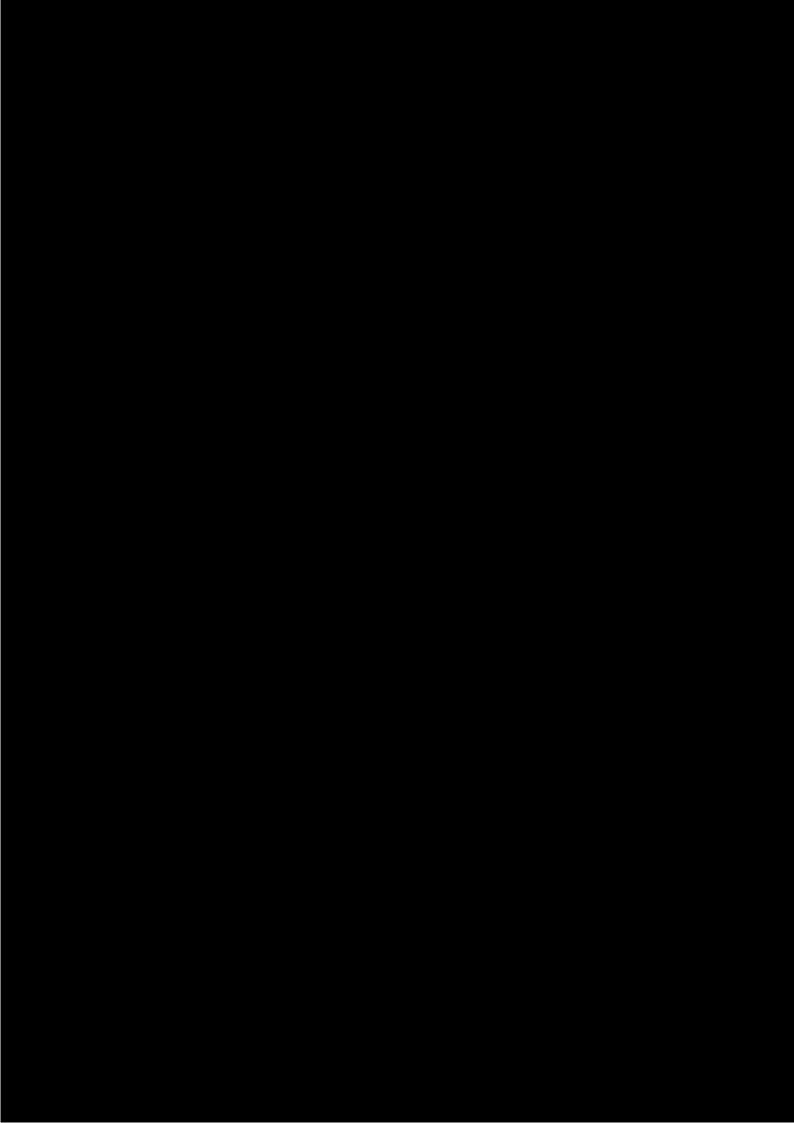












## EXHIBIT 2

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#### ICC Mens T20 World Cup 2022

45 T20s - Oct 16 - Nov 13

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Sun, 16 Oct 2022

1st Match, Group A . Geelong, Simonds Stadium

NAM 163-7 (20)

III SL 108 (19)

Namibia won by 55 runs

2nd Match, Group A . Geelong, Simonds Stadium

L UAE 111-8 (20)

NED 112-7 (19.5)

Netherlands won by 3 wkts

Mon, 17 Oct 2022

3rd Match, Group B • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

X SCO 160-5 (20)

🔀 WI 118 (18.3)

Scotland won by 42 runs

4th Match, Group B • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

**ZIM** 174-7 (20)

IRE 143-9 (20)

Zimbabwe won by 31 runs

5th Match, Group A . Geelong, Simonds Stadium

NAM 121-6 (20)

NED 122-5 (19.3)

Netherlands won by 5 wkts

6th Match, Group A . Geelong, Simonds Stadium

III SL 152-8 (20)

L UAE 73 (17.1)

Sri Lanka won by 79 runs

Wed, 19 Oct 2022

7th Match, Group B • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

X SCO 176-5 (20)

IRE 180-4 (19)

Ireland won by 6 wkts

8th Match, Group B • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

🕄 WI 153-7 (20)

**ZIM** 122 (18.2)

West Indies won by 31 runs

Thu, 20 Oct 2022

9th Match, Group A . Geelong, Simonds Stadium

III SL 162-6 (20)

NED 146-9 (20)

Sri Lanka won by 16 runs

10th Match, Group A • Geelong, Simonds Stadium

L UAE 148-3 (20)

NAM 141-8 (20)

United Arab Emirates won by 7 runs

Fri, 21 Oct 2022

**S** WI 146-5 (20)

IRE 150-1 (17.3)

Ireland won by 9 wkts

12th Match, Group B · Hobart, Bellerive Oval

X SCO 132-6 (20)

**ZIM** 133-5 (18.3)

Zimbabwe won by 5 wkts

Sat, 22 Oct 2022

13th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

NZ 200-3 (20)

AUS 111 (17.1)

New Zealand won by 89 runs

14th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Perth, Perth Stadium

AFG 112 (19.4)

+ ENG 113-5 (18.1)

England won by 5 wkts

Sun, 23 Oct 2022

15th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

IRE 128-8 (20)

III SL 133-1 (15)

Sri Lanka won by 9 wkts

16th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

C PAK 159-8 (20)

IND 160-6 (20)

India won by 4 wkts

Mon, 24 Oct 2022

135 (20)

#### Bangladesh won by 9 runs

18th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Hobart, Bellerive Oval

ZIM

80-5 (9)

NSA RSA

51-0 (3)

No result

#### Tue, 25 Oct 2022

19th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Perth, Perth Stadium

III SL

157-6 (20)

AUS

158-3 (16.3)

#### Australia won by 7 wkts

#### Wed, 26 Oct 2022

20th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

IRE

157 (19.2)

→ ENG

105-5 (14.3)

#### Ireland won by 5 runs (DLS method - due to rain)

21st Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground



NZ



#### Match abandoned without a ball being bowled due to rain (no toss)

#### Thu, 27 Oct 2022

22nd Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

> RSA

205-5 (20)

BAN

101 (16.3)

#### South Africa won by 104 runs

23rd Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

India won by 56 runs

24th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Perth, Perth Stadium

**ZIM** 130-8 (20)

C PAK 129-8 (20)

Zimbabwe won by 1 run

Fri, 28 Oct 2022

25th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

AFG

(%) IRE

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled due to rain (no toss)

26th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

+ ENG

🍱 AUS

Match abandoned without a ball being bowled due to rain (no toss)

Sat, 29 Oct 2022

27th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

NZ 167-7 (20)

III SL 102 (19.2)

New Zealand won by 65 runs

Sun, 30 Oct 2022

28th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Brisbane, The Gabba

BAN 150-7 (20)

**Z**IM 147-8 (20)

Bangladesh won by 3 runs

29th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Perth, Perth Stadium

NED 91-9 (20)

30th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Perth, Perth Stadium

IND 133-9 (20)

RSA 137-5 (19.4)

South Africa won by 5 wkts

Mon, 31 Oct 2022

31st Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Brisbane, The Gabba

TI AUS 179-5 (20)

(18.1) IRE 137 (18.1)

Australia won by 42 runs

Tue, 01 Nov 2022

32nd Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Brisbane, The Gabba

AFG 144-8 (20)

III SL 148-4 (18.3)

Sri Lanka won by 6 wkts

33rd Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Brisbane, The Gabba

 → ENG
 179-6 (20)

NZ 159-6 (20)

England won by 20 runs

Wed, 02 Nov 2022

34th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

**ZIM** 117 (19.2)

NED 120-5 (18)

Netherlands won by 5 wkts

35th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

IND 184-6 (20)

BAN 145-6 (16)

India won by 5 runs. 2nd inne reduced to 16 evers (DLS method). Target 151

36th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

C PAK

185-9 (20)

NSA RSA

108-9 (14)

Pakistan won by 33 runs - 2nd inns reduced to 14 overs (DLS method) - Target 142

#### Fri, 04 Nov 2022

37th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

185-6 (20)

IRE

150-9 (20)

#### New Zealand won by 35 runs

38th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

M AUS

168-8 (20)

AFG

164-7 (20)

#### Australia won by 4 runs

#### Sat, 05 Nov 2022

39th Match, Super 12 Group 1 • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

III SL

141-8 (20)

FNG ENG

144-6 (19.4)

#### England won by 4 wkts

#### Sun, 06 Nov 2022

40th Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

NED

158-4 (20)

NSA RSA

145-8 (20)

#### Netherlands won by 13 runs

41st Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

BAN

127-8 (20)

C PAK

128-5 (18.1)

42nd Match, Super 12 Group 2 • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

IND 186-5 (20)

**ZIM** 115 (17.2)

India won by 71 runs

Wed, 09 Nov 2022

1st Semi-Final • Sydney, Sydney Cricket Ground

NZ 152-4 (20)

C PAK 153-3 (19.1)

Pakistan won by 7 wkts

Thu, 10 Nov 2022

2nd Semi-Final • Adelaide, Adelaide Oval

IND 168-6 (20)

+ ENG 170-0 (16)

England won by 10 wkts

Sun, 13 Nov 2022

Final • Melbourne, Melbourne Cricket Ground

C PAK 137-8 (20)

+ ENG 138-5 (19)

England won by 5 wkts

## EXHIBIT 3

From:	Nick Pinder <nick.pinder@icc-cricket.com></nick.pinder@icc-cricket.com>
Sent:	Friday, November 25, 2022 5:00 AM

**To:** charis; Jayesh

**Cc:** Sybil Fernandes; Manav Devaraj; Karan Colaco

**Subject:** RE: FTX branding elements

Charis & Jayesh,

In light of the on-going situation and in line with your request to remove all elements of FTX branding associated with our Partnership, this is to confirm that we will be proceeding to do across the entire ICC digital estate including website and app.

Many thanks,

Nick

From: Charis Law <charis@ftx.com>

Sent: Thursday, 10 November 2022 4:50 AM

To: Sybil Fernandes <Sybil.Fernandes@icc-cricket.com>; Jayesh <Jayesh@ftx.com>

Cc: Nick Pinder <nick.pinder@icc-cricket.com>; Manav Devaraj <Manav.Devaraj@icc-cricket.com>; Karan Colaco

<Karan.Colaco@icc-cricket.com>
Subject: Re: FTX branding elements

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And noted on all the removals as indicated.

Again, much appreciated.

Charis Law

On November 10, 2022 at 8:49 AM GMT+8 <a href="mailto:charis@ftx.com">charis@ftx.com</a> wrote:

If we can can we pull from the bracket challenge prize - sorry I am not in any position to speak about company's status and won't be able to promise if we can oblige to the prize T&Cs, so if we can pull out to a certain extend, please do so.

We already talked to Nium separately re our charity match to remove branding and such.

Charis Law

On November 10, 2022 at 8:04 AM GMT+8 <a href="mailto:sybil.fernandes@icc-cricket.com">sybil.fernandes@icc-cricket.com</a> wrote:

Hi Jayesh, Charis

Hope you are both well.

To ensure we have everything in place for the SF match this evening and in preparation for the Final, would you please confirm in blue comments below?

Kind regards, Sybil

From: Karan Colaco < Karan.Colaco@icc-cricket.com >

Sent: Wednesday, November 9, 2022 9:51 PM

To: Jayesh <Jayesh@ftx.com>; charis <charis@ftx.com>; Manay Devaraj

<Manav.Devaraj@icc-cricket.com>

**Cc:** Nick Pinder < nick.pinder@icc-cricket.com >; Sybil Fernandes < Sybil.Fernandes@icc-

cricket.com>; Ania Shefford <ashefford@teamwass.com>; Jack Ryan

<jryan@teamwass.com>

**Subject:** FTX branding elements

Hi both apologies but putting this all on one email for your confirmation. Im sure you have plenty going on but if you can please give us an answer tonight would be greatly appreciated:

- LED perimeter live and non-live this will come off for the remaining two games
- LED sightscreen live and non-live this will come off for the remaining two games
- Replay screen content live and non-live this will come off for the remaining two games
- FTX branded flags in stadia these will come off for the remaining two games
- Final stage and other elements yet to be produced with the partner block these will NOT have the FTX logo
- Final match programme advert may have an opportunity to pull it out this will come off if we are able to
- Broadcast graphic to continue as is
- ICC platforms digital content activation generic diamond hands fielding content (match footage) to continue. We will stop the crowd catches content
  - Please let us know if you also want to pull the bracket challenge prize? If so @Manav Devaraj will need to check with legal
- All digital block applications (website, app and any yet to be produced marketing collateral) – to continue as is

#### Additionally, physical printed assets will remain as is

- all sponsor block applications, like fence branding, hospitality branding, semi-final match programme etc
- Mid wicket painted logo

Cricket match with Nium, please can you let us know what your decision is with respect to:

- LED & Big screen branding
- Putting up a team
- Providing the donation

#### **Karan Colaco**

ICC Partnerships Manager International Cricket Council

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## EXHIBIT 4

**CRYPTOCURRENCY** 

# ICC puts FTX T20 World Cup sponsorship on hold amid crypto exchange crisis

DAVID ADAMS

**NOVEMBER 11, 2022** 



SOURCE: MATT TURNER / AAP IMAGE

The future of the International Cricket Council's global partnership with crumbling cryptocurrency exchange FTX appears uncertain after the global sporting body confirmed the suspension of FTX branding and promotions at Australia's ongoing men's T20 World Cup.

FTX, the crypto trading platform valued at US\$32 billion in January this year, saw its valuation collapse this week in one of the most dramatic downfalls of the so-called 'crypto winter'.

After the platform suffered a liquidity crunch and barred most users from withdrawing their funds, the ICC, which penned a global sponsorship deal with FTX in late 2021, confirme will put the partnership on hold.

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"The ICC's partnership with FTX is under review until there is greater clarity over the future of the company," a spokesperson told *SmartCompany* on Friday.

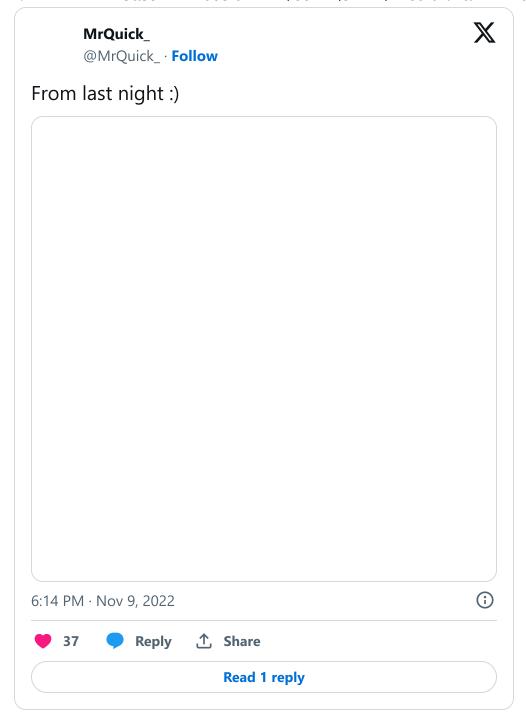
"As a consequence of this, where practical, all FTX branding and promotions at the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022 have been removed."

<u>In October 2021</u>, the ascendant FTX penned a global sponsorship deal with the ICC covering not just the T20 World Cup, which is currently taking place in Australia, but "all ICC properties".

"It is an honour to be a part of the men's and women's cricket tournaments and we look forward to building a strong relationship with the International Cricket Council in the years to come," FTX CEO Sam Bankman-Fried said at the time.

As the FTX crisis unfolded this week, its branding remained on display at T20 World Cup matches, including Pakistan's semifinal win over New Zealand in Sydney on Wednesday.





At the time of writing, FTX is still listed as an official partner on the ICC website.

"Diamond hand" match highlight clips also remain online, with 'diamond hands' a cryptocommunity term for holding on to assets even as their valuation plummets.

But with Sunday's final between England and Pakistan likely to draw millions of viewers worldwide, the decision will remove FTX branding from one of the most-watched sporting events of the year.



While the valuation of the ICC deal was not disclosed, cryptocurrency firms have splashed out on hugely expensive sports sponsorships in recent years as digital tokens burst into the mainstream.

Beyond the global cricket deal, FTX also committed to a 19-year, US\$135 million deal for the naming rights to the Miami Heat's NBA stadium in 2021.

And as the FTX crisis sparked a review at the ICC, Miami-Dade County, the Florida municipality which owns The FTX Arena, is now on high alert.

"We are closely monitoring it. We are exploring all possible avenues to prepare ourselves," Miami-Dade Mayor Daniella Levine Cava told local <u>reporters this week.</u>

#### Partnership on hold after FTX crisis

This crisis began with a <u>Coindesk</u> report that FTX's sister company, the trading firm Alameda Research, held an enormous proportion of its assets in FTX's own bespoke FTT token.

Concerns over the proportion of FTT held by Alameda Research caused rival exchange Binance to announce a liquidation of its own sizable FTT holdings.

That news unsettled the market, convincing even more FTT holders to exchange their holdings. The rush caused a liquidity crisis at FTX, which eventually barred user withdrawals.

The situation worsened through the week as further reports exposed complex ties between FTX and Alameda Research.

<u>The Wall Street Journal</u> reports that Sam Bankman-Fried, the chief executive officer of FTX and founder of Alameda Research, admitted to investors that FTX loaned capital to Alameda Research using funds everyday users deposited on the exchange.

The total size of Alameda Research's debt to FTX: US\$10 billion, Bankman-Fried reportedly said.

After Binance backed out of a deal that would have seen it acquire the floundering FTX, Sequoia Capital, which invested \$150 million into FTX.com and separate entity FTX.us, this week wrote down the value of its holdings to \$0.

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# Emirates named ICC's Cricket World Cup airline partner

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Kicking off the 13th edition of the tournament, the airline brand shares its excitement for the game with a video featuring Indian batsman, Dinesh Karthik.

Hosted across ten cities in India, the tournament will bring together ten teams from across cricket-playing nations, including England to battle it out for the Cricket World Cup trophy. The silver and gold trophy has already made its way to India ahead of the tournament.

As Official Airline Partner of the 2023 Men's Cricket World Cup, fans of the sport traveling onboard Emirates flights during the tournament can tune into Sport 24 and Sport 24 Extra.

At the 48 matches taking place across India, Emirates will have a strong presence at the stadiums, with hospitality and ticketing rights, in addition to select in-stadium activations.

Cricket lovers can follow #CWC23 as well as the ICC's Instagram and Facebook pages to see a new Emirates Fly Better Moment of the Day, capturing the best catches, hit and runs outs and more after each match.

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The Men's Cricket World Cup is held every four years. This edition will be the first to be held solely in India and will feature Dinesh Karthik making his debut in a World Cup.

The ICC partnership also sees Emirates featured on the official kit of the ICC Elite and International Panels of Umpires, having been the main sponsor since 2002.

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### Connecting cricket lovers globally

Emirates is committed to supporting cricket worldwide, connecting with fans and communities across Asia, Australasia and the UK.

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Besides its major partnership with the ICC and associated events, Emirates also engages with cricket lovers through its long-standing partnership with Durham County Cricket Club in the UK, since 2010, and as title sponsor of the Durham Lancashire Emirates Trophy.

The airline also began a ten-year naming rights sponsorship in 2013 for Emirates Old Trafford, one of England's most historic and premier cricket grounds also home to Lancashire County Cricket Club.

The second Campaign Saudi Briefing event of the year will be taking place in Riyadh on 12th October 2023. A variety of panels and speakers will be discussing the themes of media and marketing. For more details, click here.

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### Mastercard signs up as ICC sponsor for 2023 World Cup

By Javed Farooqui, ET Bureau Last Updated: Aug 24, 2023, 07:07:00 AM IST



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Mastercard chief marketing and communications officer Raja Rajamannar said the company will be spending a significant sum to get the right kind of visibility during the World Cup. Incidentally, Mastercard was also the title sponsor for all bilateral matches played in India until March.



According to sources, a global partnership requires an investment of \$10 million per year.

MUMBAI: <u>Digital payments</u> company <u>Mastercard</u> has signed up as one of International Cricket Council's (ICC) top-tier sponsors for the <u>2023 World</u> <u>Cup</u> in India, which will be held between October 5 and November 19. With this, Mastercard joins <u>ICC</u>'s other global partners <u>MRF Tyres</u>, <u>Booking.com</u>, Aramco and Emirates.

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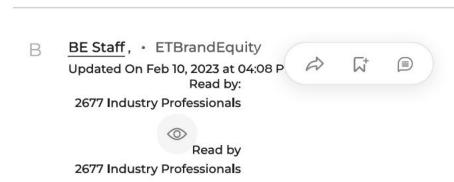
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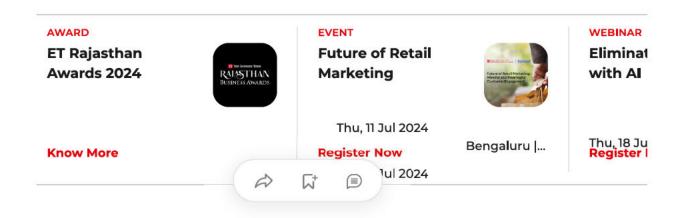
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Nilesh Malani, president and chief marketing officer, Polycab said, "It is a matter of great pride for Polycab to partner with the International Cricket Council. The game is a passion for millions of fans worldwide, and being driven by the same philosophy, we at Polycab understand the importance of connecting with our customers through their passion. We are delighted to partner with ICC to support cricket and together we will create a memorable experience for our patrons."

Anurag Dahiya, chief commercial officer, ICC said, "We are pleased to confirm that Polycab will be an official partner for ICC events up until the end of 2023. We look forward to collaborating with them on our upcoming events, as we deliver our vision of more fans enjoying our sport."



### Cape Town, 9 February 2023:

Continuing its commitment to bring people together through a shared passion for sports, Emirates is returning as the official airline sponsor of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup in South Africa running from 10 February through 26 February 2023. Emirates continues to be a steadfast supporter of the sport through its wider association with the International Cricket Council (ICC) and all their major events. Using sports to give back to communities and offer girls a chance to learn from the legends, Emirates will also be hosting a coaching clinic to encourage and empower girls to try their hand at the sport.

Starting 1 February 2023, the airline recently ramped up its operations by introducing a second daily passenger flight service to Cape Town giving even more access to cricket fans from around the world to and from Cape Town.

The ICC Women's T20 World Cup is the biennial international championship for women's Twenty20 International cricket. Currently in its eighth edition, the tournament will deliver some of the most electrifying cricket performances, welcoming some of the very best teams in the world.

Born out of its commitment to connect with fans and communities of cricket playing nations across the globe, Emirates directly serves 9 of the 10 nations participating in the ICC T20 Women's Cricket World Cup including South Africa, Australia, England, India, New Zealand, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Ireland.

Along with a strong brand presence, Emirates will be activating its world-class hospitality. At the semi-finals and final match, the multicultural Emirates cabin crew will engage with the fans onsite to click Polaroid photos placed in limited edition T20 frames as a memento of the day. They will hand out 4 and 6 cards for fans to use during the match. Emirates cabin crew members will also be part of the final winning team celebratory moment on the pitch straight after the final match.

Empowering upcoming generations of female athletes, Emirates supports the ICC Women's T20 World Cups and the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup as well as the World Test Championships Final in 2023.

Emirates has been the Official Global Partner of the International Cricket Council and its teams of match officials since 2002, and a sponsor of its major tournaments including the ICC Cricket World Cup since 1999. In 2007, it became the official Airline and Global Partner of the International Cricket Council (ICC). The airline also sponsors the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023, which will be held in India this year.

Emirates currently serves South Africa with 35 weekly flights across three gateways including: twice daily to Johannesburg; twice daily to Cape Town; and a daily service to Durban. Emirates has been invested in South Africa for 27 years, and has connected millions of travellers to and from South Africa via Dubai and beyond to its global network, firmly establishing the airline as a long-term partner of South African aviation, tourism, and trade.

### Synopsis

The world cricket governing body has 20 sponsors and partners for ICC World Cup 2023. It has six global partners that are paying \$8-10 million for these sponsorship slots. The global partners include MRF Tyres, Booking.com, IndusInd Bank, MasterCard, Aramco and Emirates. IndusInd and MasterCard have come in as global partners following the exit of Byju's and BharatPe.



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The International Cricket Council (ICC) is expected to earn \$120-150 million in sponsorship revenue from the more than six-week-long ICC Men's Cricket World Cup, which begins in India on October 5, people aware of the development told ET.

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The deals with eight official partners, which include Bira91, <u>Polycab</u>, Thums-Up, Upstox, Nissan, Nium, Oppo, and DP World, have been signed for \$6-8 million, said experts.

Then there are category partners like Royal Stag, Dream11, Jacob's Creek, Near Foundation, Fan Craze and Tyka, who will be forking out anywhere between \$3 and \$4 million.

Nikhil Bardia, head of sponsorship sales and talent at RISE Worldwide, said this World Cup has set benchmarks that have not been noticed previously.

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"The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup offers a massive landscape for brands to connect with their target audience across geographies," Bardia said.

"A cricket World Cup is always marketed as a festival, and with India touted as one of the front-runners in the tournament, it has catalysed interest. Brands across categories and spending pedigrees have found their relevant opportunities with the plethora of opportunities in-stadia and on-screen. The sheer impact of having it in India has been huge, with brands and sponsors flocking for visibility."

A query sent to ICC remained unanswered till as of press time.

Booking.com country manager for India, Sri Lanka, the Maldives and Indonesia, Santosh Kumar, said the World Cup will allow the brand to communicate its mission and values in a relevant and timely manner.

"The ICC Men's Cricket World Cup 2023 will be an incredible sporting and cultural event and an amazing opportunity to engage with our consumers," he said. "With this, we are reaching out to our customers and cricket fans to make travel memorable for them."

MasterCard chief marketing and communications officer Raja Rajamannar had recently told ET that the ICC sponsorship deal is a no-brainer since it is the biggest sporting event happening in India this year.

"Cricket is something that we are very keen on, and we will leverage the ICC sponsorship deal in markets where we are present and where cricket has reached a critical mass." he had said.

For the fiscal year ending December 2022, the ICC reported a net surplus and total revenue of \$208 million and \$432 million, respectively.

Vinit Karnik, head of sports, esports and entertainment, GroupM South Asia, had earlier said that the Indian sports industry's advertising revenue is expected to reach Rs 16,000 crore in 2023 on the back of the ICC Men's Cricket World Cup and sponsorship deal signings by the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), among others.

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